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IS BUSINESS RATE TIME BOMB TICKING FOR COWBRIDGE RETAILERS?

TRADERS in Cowbridge are being warned that business rates increases – ranging from modest to "astronomical" – could be on the way for the financial year 2017/18, *writes PHILIP IRWIN*.

The proposed rates are available on a UK Government website, and they indicate that different retail areas in the town will be hit by different rates of increase.

Worst hit will be Eastgate, where there is an average increase in rateable value of 44 per cent.

The more established shopping areas in High Street and Westgate are looking at average rises of 13 per cent. Cafes and restaurants seem to be facing significant rises – some in excess of 50 per cent. Sally Stephenson of the Pencil Case in Eastgate has compiled a list of the proposed increases, and is urging town traders to appeal.

She said that her own rates would rise "astronomically" because the increase in rateable value would take her out of the Small Business Rate Relief scheme.

She added that she had spot-checked the proposals for other towns in the area – from Bridgend to Penarth – and said her impression was that Cowbridge was being hit harder than anywhere else.

Local politicians have been made aware of the proposals, and are urgently seeking clarification.

The reason that Eastgate has been singled out is a puzzle, as the area hasn't become more of a retail centre in the last 10 years.

(*To declare an interest, The GEM is also in line for a significant rate rise*).

See next week's GEM for more information and comment on this issue,

Cowbridge students are scaling new heights... See page 4.

'PAINT TOWN POPPY RED'

READERS of The GEM may recall that in August, the Royal British Legion (RBL) Poppy Appeal announced a campaign to encourage shops and businesses to 'Paint the Town Red' during the Poppy Appeal fortnight, by arranging window displays on the poppy theme.

The campaign is off to a very positive start. So far, 40-odd businesses in and around the High Street have agreed to display a large poppy (30–35cm; 12–14") in diameter in their windows, and a number of these are also busy designing window displays.

The poppies have been produced by the Cutting Edge Group, which is collaborating with the Poppy Appeal and is lending these poppies to participants (limited to one each, no charge or hidden extras).

The poppy can be can be accompanied by a Poppy Appeal window sticker "Supporting the Poppy Appeal". The poppies are very attractive and can readily form part of a larger display.

We are very excited about working with The Cutting Edge Group, they have produced an extremely attractive design which has been well received.

"We are also very pleased they will also be repeating their display of World War One quilts from last year. We anticipate putting our large poppies on the lamp posts once again and believe with all these elements working together we can 'Paint the Town Red' and create a very positive atmosphere."

Ty Hafan, which produced an attractive poppy window display last year, has promised to better it this year, manager Julie Williams, said: "It is important that charities work together, support each other and feed something back into the communities that support them.

"We hope this will help show the people of Cowbridge how much we appreciate them."

The Poppy Appeal starts on October 29 so there is a bit of time left and still room for a few more to become involved.

Any businesses that would like to take part are invited to telephone 01446 774306.

DAVID HOWELL
Poppy Appeal organiser

Readers' Letters

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'Young people lack enthusiasm for Welsh traditions'

I WAS sad to my soul last Saturday, to see the poor turn-out of good, young Welsh people at the Proclamation for the Urdd, and the procession through Bridgend.

All I can think is that this fine nation's young people have been so cowed by years of domination from over the border that their enthusiasm has diminished. It was not so in my day.

Perhaps our fine comprehensive schools in Bridgend, part of the Welsh education system admired the world over, are equally cowed by the Tory cuts in education budgets.

Perhaps had it not been for this, the schools would have encouraged the future leaders of Wales to attend the Proclamation.

I hope, indeed, I pray, that the next Urdd events take place during school hours so that ALL pupils, whether those in the tongue of those across the border, or those who learn in the language of the angels, from Bridgend, can be accompanied by their teachers and participate.

This is their land and our glorious nation's ancient traditions must be maintained, or lost at our peril.

Meirion ap Morgan, Maesteg..

Car park charges protest grows

I REFER to my letter of a couple of weeks ago, regarding outrageous charges the Vale Council has put on car parks over Barry Island during the winter months.

I notice it has now gained momentum from various Island traders and opposition councillors, and our local MP, with a campaign against these charges.

The council has hit back with a rather pathetic comment saying it's irresponsible and infuriating – it doesn't like it when people share a voice against council policy.

It's about time councillors got off their high horse and obtain the feelings of the traders over the Island.

The council leader states that there is no evidence that car parking charges discouraged visitors – really?

However, it is true that there is a high number of parking spaces which allow a two-hour free park, but on a bright sunny day, these soon fill up.

DJ Radford, Barry

Lost and found

WERE you recently driving a white van in Barry? If so, were you turning right from Ffordd Cwm Cidi into Pontypridd Road in Barry, on Tuesday, September 27 at about 12.30pm?

If so, did your rear doors fly open and something drop out?

You may have later noticed the loss of a piece of valuable kit essential in your job.

If this relates to you, please call 01446 734970 for more information.

(A Barry resident).

'Parking surplus could fund transport infrastructure'

IT'S good that the Vale Council uses car parking income to cover costs of running the resort for visiting day trippers.

Coun Neil Moore says the charges cover only half the costs – but in any case, the council's income from car-parking and penalties is ring-fenced and cannot be used for litter picks and beach sweeping.

The parking account surplus is ring-fenced under S.55 of the Road Traffic Act for use only for **a**) funding provision, operation or facilities for public passenger transport services *and/or* **b**) highway or road improvement in the local authority area *and/or* **c**) environmental improvements.

It could fund completion of the abruptly-terminated cycleway to Barry Island, taking a strip of roadway for continuing the cycleway around to a pedestrian/cycle crossing, from the Paget Road parade of shops to the fairground.

It could also fund provision of a proper bus terminus, with shelter and seating, to replace the dreadful dirty half-shelter on a substandard pavement, where parked cars prevent buses pulling in to enable less agile persons to board supposedly low-floor buses.

Why should they not route the buses down the front, down Friars Road – so that visitors by bus get an attractive view of Whitmore Bay, and can stop off nearby?

Then restore the new bus shelter that they removed for car parking.

These are worthwhile suggestions for spending car parking income, which should make the 50p charges for winter dog walkers quite palatable.

Some might even patronise the bus, which councillors claim is preferable to the car, but in practice, are complicit with priority for the car.

Anne Greagsby, Penarth,
Cardiff and the Vale Bus Users Group.

Vale courses: Cowbridge bias?

HAVING waited a week to see if there were any further response to my brief letter, in which I questioned the discrepancy between the distribution of courses among the four main venues and the distribution of population in the Vale, I must reply to the lengthy letter from Phil Southard.

I merely quoted numbers taken from the current brochure, but did not include Welsh – because there is fairly even distribution across all the main venues

In his reply, Mr Southard resorts to the use of statistics' sheer numbers to provide the answer to my question.

I write as a retired teacher of statistics: statistical analysis is greatly affected by the quality of the data available and how it is collected. Mr Southard states that courses have to be self-funding and can only run knowing that people want to attend and, thus, make the courses viable.

That raises the fundamental question of how he knows where the demand is. What research has he done to justify such an assertion?

I suggest (and it is only that) that a more likely explanation is that the venue so greatly influences the demand, that it creates a false picture.

A single example cannot establish a generality, but may be used as an example. In my case, I wished to learn German – the viable cost of a course being £133. As was the case last year, the only venue was Cowbridge, which would entail a return car journey from Barry to a venue where there is no dedicated parking – particularly important for those with mobility problems.

The total cost to me would have nearly doubled – in addition to adding about an hour to the course time. This made the course unviable to me, so I did not apply.

Mr Southard would not have known of this demand, nor of any others made by similarly-placed individuals. The deterrent would be even greater for Penarth residents.

Given the huge bias towards Cowbridge, I wonder if there are similar courses, run only in Barry or Penarth, and how many travel to them from Cowbridge?

Ivor Arnold, Barry.

'PM's claim doesn't ring true'

MRS THERESA MAY is a chameleon politician, as a member of this Conservative Government, whose policy for the last eight years has been economic austerity, where the nation's economics were aimed to favour only the richest 1 per cent of the population, at the expense of the working population.

The undeniable proof of that, is that the privileged 1 per cent are now twice as rich as in 2008.

That is what thoughtful citizens would expect from Conservative MPs, but what is preposterous is for Mrs May, who sat in the cabinet, now to declare that she is personally offended by this inequality, as if the Tory Government had not deliberately created this divided and unjust society.

N Westerman, Brynna

Music in the Vale

ENTRIES for the 'Music in the Vale' annual competition – will take place at Stanwell Comprehensive School, Penarth, for people aged eight to 23.

The closing date is October 21. Further information and entry details can be found at www.musicinthevale.org.uk,

How community defibrillators work

I HAVE just read the article on the use of a defibrillator and how access to this AED in Llantwit Major is not 24 hours.

I was a part of Pennard and Bishopston community first responders in Swansea, which is run by the Welsh Ambulance service. We had eight AEDs in the local community, all outside in special, heated cabinets, so there was 24-hour access to them.

The cabinets would only start heating once the temperature dropped to a certain degree.

Kieran Rowland, Llantwit Major.

Winter grants to combat loneliness

AGE CYMRU is Wales' leading charity for older people, whose mission is to create an age-friendly Wales, where older people are able to live happy and fulfilling lives.

Unfortunately, our research shows that 41,000 over-65s in Wales say they are often, or always, lonely.

That is why we are delighted to be able to offer a limited number of grants to older people's groups across Wales, to organise a get-together for potentially vulnerable older people during the winter months.

We're providing these winter celebration grants as part of our annual 'Spread the Warmth' campaign.

From lunch clubs to older people's forums and to sheltered housing schemes, and more – if you're involved with a group that works with older people, you can apply for one of these winter celebration brants.

To request an information pack about Age Cymru's 'Spread the Warmth' winter celebration grants, which explains how you can apply for a grant, call 029 2043 1555 or email kathy.lye@agecymru.org.uk.

Ian Thomas, Chief Executive, Age Cymru

St Mary Church Macmillan event

MANY thanks to the villagers, Ageing Well group in Llantwit Major, the Bridge clubs of Llantwit Major, Old Hall Cowbridge and Mid Glamorgan, for their support in purchasing raffle tickets, and attending the coffee morning; plus a silent auction, which in total raised over £850 (including gift aid) for this very worth charity.

Cathy Mangles, Llantwit Major.

HIGH TIDE TIMES

(UNTIL OCTBER 27)

The high tides listed in this week's GEM are those in Porthcawl. It should be remembered that along the coast, high tide times will vary. For instance, in Barry, the high point will be 20 – 25 minutes later.

DATE	Time AM	Ht M	Time PM	Ht M
20 Thur	09.59	10.2	22.27	9.9
21 Fri	10.47	9.6	23.15	9.2
22 Sat	11.44	9.0		
23 Sun	00.15	8.5	12.46	8.4
24 Mon	01.27	8.0	14.07	7.9
25 Tues	02.52	7.8	15.29	8.1
26 Wed	04.09	8.2	16.34	8.6
27 Thur	05.07	8.8	17.26	9.1

While The GEM makes every effort to check the accuracy of tide tables, we recommend that anyone putting out to sea, or walking in an area where they could be cut off, should check with a tide table specific to their location.

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Male voice choir on top form at festival

THE CHOIR PERFORMING AT THE CLANFIELD FESTIVAL.

MAKING their third visit to Clanfield in recent years at the invitation of the Clanfield Festival, Cowbridge Male Voice Choir left town in heavy rain, trusting that this was not a foretaste of the rest of the day.

Upon arrival the choir were treated to a splendid tea by the local WI at the Clanfield Institute.

After, they headed for St Stephen's Church, a small 13th Century church, standing behind its churchyard on the north-west edge of the village, next to Chestlion Farm, which may have been the manor house.

The western tower, with four pinnacles and a squat figure of Saint Stephen on its south-east corner, houses a ring of eight bells.

The choir were again conducted by their president Iona Jones, who willingly stepped in as a late replacement for their musical director Shelley Thomas Brown, who was unable to travel as she was unwell.

The choir opened with a rousing rendition of 'Divina Brahma' from *The Pearl Fishers* and then sang a wide ranging programme from their repertoire ending with a Beatles medley which the audience joined in with gusto!

The evening also featured local mezzo soprano Annabel Molyneaux. She delighted the audience with a fine selection of songs the highlight of which was 'I Bought Me a Cat' by Aaron Copland, which involved a number of animal impersonations which were ably performed by her accompanist Peter Cowdrey and her husband Paul.

At the close of the concert, the choir, and many of the audience, retired to the local hostelry where the traditional afterglow took place.

Cowbridge U3A connects carats, coal and carbon

(AND FINDS THAT BEING UNDER PRESSURE BRINGS RICHES!)

WOULD you prefer a one-carat anthracite engagement ring to a one-carat diamond one? Most would opt for the latter, but Cowbridge U3A members were informed by their recent speaker, Bruce Hawkins, that both coal and diamond are formed from the same element, carbon.

Graphite, the 'lead' of pencils and another form of carbon, is noted for its softness and use as a lubricant, whereas diamonds are well-known for their resistance to scratching (known as 'hardness'), though they are brittle (so don't hit one with a hammer!).

The surface of a diamond sheds water easily, unlike coal or graphite.

Mr Hawkins, a geologist by training, described that the striking difference in properties is caused by the arrangement of the constituent carbon molecules; in a diamond, there is a symmetrical, interlinking, cubic pattern of bonding, whereas in graphite the molecules are arranged in flat sheets, which can easily slide over one another.

Other precious gemstones, such as emeralds, sapphires and rubies, are formed from compounds i.e. they contain several elements, such as aluminium, oxygen or silica.

Contrary to popular belief, diamonds are not produced from coal.

To form, natural diamonds require very high temperatures (ranging from 900 to 1300 on the Celsius scale) and a pressure that exists only at depths of 87 to 120 miles (140 to 190 kilometres) in the Earth's mantle.

The diamonds are then brought to the surface by volcanic activity, which is why they are found in areas with very hard, ancient rock.

Commercial operations to find diamonds either sink deep mine shafts or dig huge, open pits.

While South Africa is always associated with diamonds, Canada has large deposits, as does Australia.

Despite their price, diamonds are not rare, but the quantity and quality released onto the market annually is controlled by suppliers.

The more facets there are on a cut diamond, the better and, of course, more expensive it is. The light refracting and reflecting inside the diamond is what causes the sparkle.

The carat of a diamond is a measure of weight (1 carat = 200 milligrams) and its clarity is an indication of flaws and inclusions. The colour can range from icy white (the most expensive), through blue to yellow, with even black diamonds known (mainly found in Brazil).

Most synthetic diamonds are coloured, but few find their way on to the consumer market as most are used in industry.

The talk concluded with illustrations of a selection of fabulous diamonds, including the 'Golden Jubilee', at just over 545 carats the largest facetted diamond in the world, and the 530 carat 'Star of Africa', also known as the Cullinan I, which is held in the British Crown Jewels.

Apparently, the world's largest uncut diamond, the 'Lesedi La Rona', the size of a tennis ball at over 1,100 carats, is still available to buy if you have $70 million to spare!

Next meeting: entertainment by Cantorion Creigiau at 2pm on Wednesday, November 9 in Cowbridge Town Hall.

Visitors welcome (there is a small fee, which includes refreshments). See www.u3asites.org.uk/cowbridge.

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LATEST ON THE BIG SCREEN

BIG Screen's next film for this season is Black Mountain Poets (Cert 15) on Thursday, October 27 at 7.30pm in the Town Hall.

Two female lorry hijackers are on the run from the police and head for Wales and, they hope, safety. They fall in with a group of hippies in the Black Mountains where they pretend to be famous poets.

Soon they both fall for the smouldering charms of Richard (Tom Cullen from Downton Abbey) and start to discover another side to their personalities. Doors open 7.10pm; tickets £4 (available in advance from the Town Clerk's office, or on the door). Call 01446 771929 for more details.

Llanblethian WI gets to grips with minefields

LLANBLETHIAN WI's October meeting took on a serious topic when Wendy Maher, director of the Will Consultancy Agency, came along to go through the necessity of making a will, and also the need to revisit your will to keep it up to date with changes in your own family situations; and also changes in your finances.

The other changes that occur with regularity are changes in Government legislation, which seems an easy option for each Chancellor of the Exchequer to raise taxes.

The other minefields Wendy visited were Lasting Power of Attorney and gifting property. These are decisions that you need to put in place while you are in full control of your faculties, as you are handing over your future care. The other reason is that you need all your faculties to understand the rules and regulations surrounding this subject.

It seems to be a 'catch 22' situation. You really need to visit either a solicitor or a will consultancy agency to take you through the legalities.

Following this necessary insight, we continued our meeting in our own fun-loving way.

If you would like to join us at any time we meet at the church hall in Llanblethian on the second Thursday of every month at 7.30pm.

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Social bingo

THE last Cowbridge RBL social bingo meeting was a full house in every way – a record turnout – which, of course, resulted in increased money prizes for a full house and a line.

Basil's Top Trio fared very well; he shared a full house with Janette, thought it was entirely through her efforts, as she marked both cards.

Junesqe Jordanne won a line, while Basil won not one, but two raffle prizes. In his usual unselfish way, he handed one back to redraw, but was disappointed to find there was no applause for this unselfish act, as there were more raffle prizes than usual – most folks went away with something.

The next meeting will be on Thursday, November 3 at 7pm for 7.30pm in the Lesser Hall, Cowbridge Town Hall. The last meeting of the year will be on November 8.

Do turn up with your bingo dabber, wine and (if possible) a few friends. See you there!

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Cowbridge pupils scaling new heights with a spot of ironing!

RECENTLY, pupils and staff from Cowbridge Comprehensive School headed to the Brecon Beacons to conquer Pen y Fan, the highest peak in southern Britain at 886m above sea level.

However this was no ordinary hill walk, for the students were all carrying irons and ironing boards – to participate in a spot of extreme ironing at the summit.

After a safety briefing, it was 'full steam ahead' up the mountain. Clear skies quickly gave way to mist and the views we had hoped for disappeared.

Not to be dispirited, we 'pressed on'.

Our fellow hill walkers were amused by the spectacle, and at every step people stopped to ask us what we were doing. This was our first group-sponsored event to raise funds to support our visit to the Goedgedacht Trust in South Africa, and pupils were eager to talk about the work we will undertake next summer in support of the charity.

Their infectious enthusiasm garnered donations from kind passers by and kept team morale high as we trekked to the summit.

Atop Pen y Fan, the team celebrated their achievement by posing for the ubiquitous victory shot with the trig point (*see page 1*) before turning their attention to the task at hand.

However 'irony' dealt us a cruel blow; our extension lead wouldn't reach the socket! Elbow grease alone wouldn't tackle our creased shirts so there was only one thing for it; a picnic lunch to refuel ready for our descent.

The sun began to peek through the clouds as we made our way back down the mountain.

We resisted temptation to use our ironing boards as skis, opting instead for a gentle stroll back to the car park, where we rewarded ourselves with a well-earned ice cream, before our return to school – to plan our next fundraising adventure.

In July 2017, 44 Sixth Form students and five members of staff will visit South Africa, where we will work with the Goedgedacht Trust (*www.goedgedacht.org*), a charity that the school have supported since 2007.

The Trust works to help rural children break free from the trap of generational poverty. In doing so, the Trust aims to create flourishing and self-sustaining communities which will provide the foundations for a brighter future for South Africans.

You can learn more about our fundraising efforts and our work with the Trust via Twitter (@CCSSA17). ***EMMA JOHN***

Merched y Wawr y Bontfaen

DAETH Dilys Richards o Benybont atom ym mis Hydref i siarad am ei gwaith crefft. Mae Dilys yn gyfarwydd i ni fel cynrychiolydd y De-Ddwyrain yng nghystadleuthau crefft Merched y Wawr yn y Sioe Frenhinol a hynny gyda chryn lwyddiant dros y blynyddoedd.

Rhoddodd fraslun diddorol i ni o ddatblygiad gwahanol ddeunyddiau o wahanol rannau o'r byd. Aeth ymlaen i olrhain hanes y sampler, y croesbwyth a chwiltio.

Daeth ag enghreifftiau o'i gwaith i'w dangos. Tros baned cawsom gyfle i holi Dilys am dechnegau'r gwaith a rhyfeddu at gywreinrwydd y cynnyrch terfynol.

Diolch i Dilys am rannu ei doniau gyda ni.

Dilys Richards, from Bridgend, was our guest speaker in October. Dilys is well known to us as the south east Wales representative in Merched y Wawr craft competitions at the Royal Welsh Show, where she has enjoyed considerable success over the years.

She gave us an interesting outline of the development of different fabrics from all over the world. She went on to trace the history of the sampler, the cross-stitch and quilting.

She brought some of her work for us to see. Over a cuppa we were able to discuss with Dilys the techniques of the work and marvel at the finesse of the end product.

We thank Dilys for sharing her skills with us. **MC**

BOVERTON WI GROUP GET TO MEET PERCY AND MR NO!

IN September, three members represented Boverton WI at the Civic Service for the new Mayor at St Illtud's church and an extra speaker, Alan Badmington, had us laughing at his humorous thoughts on ageing.

At our October meeting, we welcomed Malcolm and Sue with their owls. Two barn owls named Percy and Mr No and a Tawny Owl, a Bengal Eagle Owl and a European Eagle Owl with a six foot wingspan, which it demonstrated several times.

Malcolm brought them through the room and we were able to stroke the soft heads of the smaller birds and later, hold the Tawny Owl on a gloved hand if we wished.

In her vote of thanks, Rosemary Williams said how much we had enjoyed the contact with the birds.

It was announced that there were seats available for the November 12 trip to Gloucester and we were urged to bring our friends. We were reminded of our trip to John Lewis and the Knitter Natter, when we should bring the items we had knitted for the Christmas tree for the Federation festival at Margam Park.

The competition was won by Chris Kettle and the raffle by Mary Davies and Val Millsom. We meet again on November 10, when all will be welcome. **LG**

COMMUNITY NEWS

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TREOES, LLANGAN & ST MARY HILL

Cowbridge business celebrates new premises

KARMA Beauty is inviting customers old and new to celebrate the opening of their new premises at 89 Eastgate, Cowbridge.

Join them between 1pm and 8pm on Tuesday, November 1, for champagne cocktails and cupcakes!

A great event, not to be missed, with an exclusive guest joining them…

They invite you to have first view of Quinnell Candles' Christmas range, Environ skin care and Jane Iredale mineral make-up Christmas gift sets, plus goody bags with exclusive discounts and gifts.

Purchase a ticket from Karma and you will be entered into the grand prize draw which will be drawn on the night.

Proceeds from the prize draw will be donated to the Macmillan Nurses' charity.

For more information contact Karma Beauty; 89 Eastgate (first floor), Cowbridge CF717AA; www.karma-beauty.co.uk or 01446 771649.

Understanding US elections

THE Llantwit Major Probus Club held a meeting on Tuesday, October 11 in Illtyd 216.

Members were welcomed by vice president Colin Hawkins due to our president returning from Tuscany feeling unwell. We have five vacancies for membership, and members are welcome to bring friends wishing to join along to a meeting f.

The annual lunch is on Friday, October 28 in the RAF St Athan Golf Club when Alun Cairns MP, Secretary of State for Wales, will be the speaker.

Our speaker this month was one of our members: Viv Kelly, with a talk entitled 'Where Angels Fear to Tread', which was a fascinating hour covering the American election process from 1780 when the United States consisted of 13 colonies, up to the present day.

The numerous questions at the end showed how interesting and enlightening members had found it and we were all left with a better understanding of how the American electoral system works all round, not just in electing the president.

A vote of thanks was given by Cled Lewis and the monthly raffle winner was Tony Tarlton.

November meeting is on November 8, when the speaker will be Peter Leonard. ***MM***

Llangan school concert

THE concert which took place at the school on Friday evening of last week (October 14) starring the well-known entertainer Pete Karrie was an outstanding success.

The children of the school also took part in the proceedings, much to the delight of the pupils' parents.

I am sure this outstanding entertainment will be repeated in the not too distant future!

Harvest festival

ON Friday, October 21 at 9.15am the school will celebrate its harvest festival with a concert.

Parents and friends of the children will be welcome.

Fatal road crash: family pay a heartfelt tribute

A PEDESTRIAN who died following a collision with a car on the road to Porthcawl has been named as Deividas Andrijauskas.

Nineteen-year-old Deividas, from Wildmill in Bridgend, sustained serious injuries in incident which happened as he walked along the A4106 Bridgend Road, Tythegston, at around 4pm on Friday, October 7.

He died in hospital on Wednesday morning and his family have released the following tribute to him.

"Deividas was born in Lithuania but has lived in Wales since the age of 12 and as far as he was concerned, this was his home.

"He never forgot where he was from, but his life was here now.

"He was a young man just starting out in the world and he was so caring, loving and full of life and energy. He was a hard worker, and so well liked by everyone who knew him.

"He always had smile on his face and was such a happy boy. He was always listening to music and his ambition was to become a DJ one day. He loved playing and watching basketball, because that is Lithuania's national game.

"He went out that day to visit friends and we had no idea that he would never come home. We never had the chance to say goodbye to him.

" His loss has left a massive hole in our family and he will never be forgotten by everyone who knew him."

South Wales Police are continuing to appeal for witnesses to the collision. Anyone with information, is asked to contact South Wales Police on 101 or Crimestoppers, free and anonymously, on 0800 555111.

Two riveting plays end Echoes of The War

NEWS FROM COWBRIDGE AMATEUR DRAMATIC SOCIETY

AT CADS' summer production – *Let's Fly Away* – audiences were treated to two one-act plays, the first being *Airfield* by Bob Tucker, and the second *Departure*, by Stephen Smith.

In the first, a couple delightfully played by Chris Bowen (who also directed) and Rachel Arentsen, attempt to go on holiday with what turns out to be a bogus holiday firm, led brilliantly by Linda Bailey.

As their departure gets thwarted at every turn, the husband leaves in a strop. An interesting development follows!

This play was written by an ex-CADS member, Bob Tucker, who came to watch rehearsals.

He had this to say: "I had the idea for *Airfield* after waiting many hours at Lulsgate airport, before it became Bristol International.

"I enjoyed seeing the characters being brought to life by Chris, Rachel and linda, and was especially impressed as Chris was also directing. Congratulations to all."

The second play was a delightful turn by Roz Maddy as the busybody mum of Anthony Murphy's timid son, whose sole mission was to sort out the problems of her fellow passengers, mainly those played by a wonderfully dour Caron Reidy and a comically neurotic Andy Cragg.

You can sense the anxiety perceptibly building within him as he seeks to disentangle himself from the interfering couple. Two fabulously enacted plays, guaranteed to put you off ever flying abroad again!

JEFF GRIST

CADS' next production, *Echos of The War,* will be staged at their Market Theatre on November 9 – 12.

The production is based on two short stories written by JM Barrie, originally published in 1918. The book contains four stories and CADS are performing the first and last of these.

In an attempt to come to terms with the horror that was the Great War, they deal with the effect that it had on families at home.

In *The Old Lady Shows Her Medals*, a soldier returns home for five days' leave.

A Well Remembered Voice is a good, plain, old-fashioned ghost story.

The plays were chosen to commemorate the centenary of the first Somme offensive May – November 1916, more famously known as The Battle of the Somme.

The dates for production include Friday, November 11 when there is to be a charity performance in aid of the Royal British Legion.

This performance also celebrates CADS' 70th anniversary.

The volunteers are out in force at East Aberthaw

LAST week, East Aberthaw Nature Reserve was given a makeover ready for the autumn.

Almost 100 volunteers left their regular jobs and came together for a day of conservation at the site which is a local resource enjoyed by all and owned by Aberthaw Power Station.

The volunteers came from Aberthaw Power Station, Valeways, Welsh Government, Lloyds Bank, Wildlife Trust and were joined by enthusiastic local residents.

The teams were split up to tackle some of the more challenging tasks including path restoration to improve access to visitors, ditch clearance and a litter pick on the reserve. A major sweep for litter and debris was also carried out on the adjacent shingle beach and sand dunes.

East Aberthaw Nature Reserve is owned by Aberthaw Power Station and located to the east of the site. The area contains a saline lagoon, one of only four in Wales and a unique habitat for local animals, flora and fauna.

Regular guided walks are held on the site throughout the seasons, led by the Wildlife Trust. The management of the reserve is in conjunction with the Wildlife Trust who outline the tasks and the importance of maintaining the different areas.

Amy Lavisher, environmental compliance engineer who organised the event said: "We are thankful every year for the dedication and hard work of the people who joined us to help. Clearing and opening up the ditch that runs through the reserve encourages insects that in turn provide a stable food source for birds that live or pass through the area.

"The volunteers worked really hard to ensure the paths had a good covering of woodchip that will improve access for the visitors to the area."

The conservation day has been running since 2006 and is supported by local businesses, including Jewsons in Barry who offered discounted products and Brandon Hire who supplied the toilets.

BARN DANCE WITH A STYLISH TWIST!

Backdrop helps raise £1,500 funds for school

THE St David's PTA were very happy to have some very stylish help to decorate Colwinston Village Hall for their fundraising Barn Dance, held on Saturday, October 8.

Internationally renowned paper artist Zoe Bradley and interiors stylist and journalist, Nicola Wilkes, put their considerable talents together to create a stunning backdrop to a fantastic evening, which raised over £1,500 for local school, St David's Primary School in Colwinston.

Parents were treated to a hog roast by Alan John Butchers, a selection of home made desserts and there was plenty of dancing organised by local group Pluck & Squeeze.

Huw and Rachel from Funky Marquees also supplied drapes and helped to set up the hall.

The stylish decorations at the Barn Dance. Photos by Gemma Griffiths Photography.

Nicola Wilkes (left) and Zoe Bradley.

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Two awards for councils' animal welfare services staff

SHARED Regulatory Services (SRS), the department that helps deliver certain provision across the Vale of Glamorgan, Bridgend and Cardiff Council areas, received two awards at an RSPCA presentation reception.

The RSPCA Cymru's Community Animal Welfare Footprint (CAWF) Awards, which are now in their eighth year, aim to reward organisations that go beyond basic animal welfare standards.

SRS took a bronze award in the Animal Establishment category and silver in the Stray Dog section. The prizes were handed out at a ceremony in Cardiff Bay.

The Animal Establishment category aims to recognise the work local authorities do to promote animal welfare at premises including pet shops, horse riding centres and animal boarding/kennelling facilities.

The SRS Animal Health and Welfare team is responsible for issuing licences to such premises, inspecting and dealing with any complaints against them.

In achieving a bronze award, SRS demonstrated that it has a clear policy on how premises should be licensed and how any complaints should be investigated.

In achieving the silver award in the Stray Dog Category, SRS demonstrated that its animal wardens have been provided with basic handling and behaviour training for the collection of stray animals.

Also that there is a clear procedure in place to treat injured and sick dogs and a staffed out-of-hours kennel service is provided.

SRS also demonstrated a clear rehoming policy to ensure potential new dog owners are properly vetted and that micro-chipping and other permanent methods of animal identification are promoted.

Coun Gwyn John, chair of the SRS joint committee, said: "We are delighted to be recognised with these two awards for our animal welfare provision.

"The awards highlight the positive work being done by Shared Regulatory Services, demonstrating what can be achieved by effective cooperation between authorities."

LOCAL COMPANY CELEBRATES 20TH ANNIVERSARY WITH LIFE-SAVING APPEAL

Company staff at the recent Macmillan coffee morning.

A LOCAL company has decided to celebrate its 20th anniversary in business by planning a series of fundraisers to buy a defibrillator for Pencoed.

April Complete Care Solutions have spent most of those 20 years – 17 to be exact – in Pencoed, so staff there feel a real connection to the area.

Mathew Hughes of April Complete Care Solutions told The GEM: "Defibrillators can make a huge difference to someone's chances of surviving a heart attack.

"The sooner one can be brought to a casualty the better, so fundraising for one seemed an ideal way of marking our 20th anniversary."

Staff at the company have already been busy raising funds, but Mathew is keen to let people know about the biggest event – which takes place on Saturday, October 29, at Tondu Cricket Club.

He said: "It all starts at 7pm, and there will be a buffet, a guest speaker, a grand prize draw and a disco.

"Admission is by ticket only. They are free and can be obtained by telephone on 01656 863963."

The company recently opened its doors to host a Macmillan coffee morning, and one staff member, Rebecca Taylor, gave the company's defibrillator appeal a real shot in the arm back in August when she did a charity skydive!

Rebecca Taylor's skydive.

Mathew added: "Come along to our big night on October 29 in Tondu Cricket Club. It's for a great cause."

Would-be councillors on the inside track

MEMBERS of the public have been given an insight into the role of a county borough councillor as part of Local Democracy Week (October 10 – 16).

Bridgend County Borough Council (BCBC) held two free 'Be a councillor' sessions for potential candidates ahead of next year's local government elections, offering residents the chance to learn how to stand and campaign as an independent or political councillor, as well as more information about how the council works.

Held in the council chamber at the Civic Offices, Bridgend, the events gave attendees the opportunity to hear borough councillors' experiences, including stories about their most unusual constituent requests!

The potential candidates also tested the electronic voting system used during full council as part of an interactive quiz designed to explain more about the roles of the council and its partners.

The events have previously proven to be a prosperous pathway into politics, with 10 attendees at similar sessions held during Local Democracy Week in 2011 going on to be elected as county borough councillors at the 2012 local elections.

The cabinet member for communities, Coun Ceri Reeves, who was among the attendees elected in 2012, shared her experiences at this year's event.

She said: "I found the training events extremely insightful in 2011 and they helped to fuel my desire to become a county borough councillor so that I could represent my local community.

"I will certainly be watching with interest to see how many of this year's attendees go on to run for election in 2017, and I wish them the best of luck."

If you were unable to attend the events but would like to find out more about how to stand for election, email membersbcbc@bridgend.gov.uk or call 01656 643250 / 01656 643385.

COMMUNITY ORDER FOR MAESTEG MAN

by AJ SICLUNA

A 21-YEAR-OLD Maesteg man received a community order for one year at Cardiff Crown Court when he admitted charges of producing cannabis and possessing Valium.

Jamie Stokes of Alexandra Road was told by judge David Wyn Morgan: "You obviously have a number of difficulties."

He ordered him to take part in a rehabilitation programme.

Prosecutor John Warren said that when the police searched Stokes' home, they found two cannabis plants, as well as the equipment associated with cultivating the drug. They found small amounts of cannabis and Valium.

When arrested, he said: "I grow it to smoke. The Valium helps me sleep."

The judge said he did not wish Stokes's solicitor, Adam Sharp, to mitigate.

Vale Parkinson's support group meets

THE Vale Parkinson's Support group held its monthly meeting on October 4 at the Murchfield Community Centre, Dinas Powys.

An interesting presentation on the history of Barry Docks was given by Philip Walters who had spent much of his working life there.

This was followed by a celebration of 41 years of very happy marriage of two members of the group. Helen and David Blesstly treated the group to Prosecco and wonderful home-made Pavlovas.

Last month, the group enjoyed tea and cakes at The Three Horseshoes, Dinas Powys, guests of the landlady Denise. It was an event enjoyed by all, and also raised much-needed funds for Parkinson's Support.

For more information about the Vale Parkinson's group, contact co-ordinator Barry Lakin on 029 2051 2724.

Pencoed pupils get CPR training

AN NHS representative visited Pencoed Comprehensive School to promote CPR and resuscitation with year-8 to celebrate 'Restart the Heart day'.

The British Heart Foundation campaign is taking place across Wales and the UK and Pencoed Comprehensive were one of the schools which took part.

The outcome of the day is that pupils will have life-saving skills, so they would be ready to help in an emergency.

A school spokeswoman said: "It has been a fantastic day and the school are thankful to the team for an eventful day, which raises the life-saving skills of young children."

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Tom shares CPR skills at The Senedd

FOURTEEN-year old cadet Tom Wood, who recently received praise for his quick thinking and heroic actions when performing CPR while working in a barber shop, has visited the Senedd to share his skills with Assembly Members.

Tom Wood demonstrates his CPR skills to Sharon Owen from Welsh Hearts, Andrew RT Davies AM, Lyn Ward, mum Julie, brother Adam, dad Michael and paramedic Jason Sadler.

Welsh Conservative Leader and South Wales Central AM Andrew RT Davies was so impressed by Cowbridge Comprehensive pupil Tom, of Llantwit Major, that he invited him to the Assembly for a personal tour, and to attend a Welsh Hearts CPR training session that Mr Davies was sponsoring.

Along with mum Julie, dad Michael and brother Adam, Tom made the trip to Cardiff Bay on Monday, October 17, and told Mr Davies how he used the skills he learned at Cadets when Eric Reid suffered a heart attack after taking his seat in Galton's Barbers.

Mr Reid, sadly, passed away, but his family praised Tom for his quick thinking.

Tom accompanied Mr Davies to the CPR training session and demonstrated on a mannequin how he acted. He then discussed the importance of defibrillators with Sharon Owen from Welsh Hearts and paramedic Jason Sadler, and how improving training and increasing their availability was vital.

Mr Davies said: "Tom is an impressive young man and his actions were truly heroic. He deserves huge praise for his quick thinking, since he acted calmly in a situation where many people would not know what to do.

"It was a pleasure to welcome him and his family to the Senedd, and it was great they could attend the CPR training session. I certainly learned a lot from him, as indeed did all of those present.

"The incident shows how vital it is we have more defibrillators available and proper CPR training, and I would like to thank Welsh Hearts for coming to the Assembly and giving AMs the opportunity to learn."

Spinning a yarn at Cowbridge library

THE Campaign for Wool held its seventh 'Wool Week' on October 10-16.

The campaign, with HRH The Prince of Wales as its patron, officially began in October 2010 with a launch event in London's historic tailoring street Savile Row.

In October 2012, the campaign launched 'Wool School', its first major educational initiative and last week it came to Cowbridge Library for the children from reception class, year 1 and year 2 from Y Bont Faen School.

Jane Bissett, who is a shepherd and spinner with Kennixton Sheep in Moulton, gave the children demonstrations of all things wool: yarn, knitting, spinning etc, and as part the lessons brought along her two pet Shetland rams, Duncan and Idris.

ABOVE: Jane Bissett, Dora and Seren from Y Bont Faen and Julia Bazley, senior library assistant with Shetland rams, Duncan and Idris.

The children learnt that wool is a natural fibre from sheep and since the Stone Age, it has been known as one of the most effective forms of all-weather protection known to man, and science is yet to produce a fibre which matches its unique properties.

They were told how wool was collected and that every year sheep will produce a new fleece, making wool a renewable fibre source.

The children had plenty of questions for Jane. When asked who looked after the sheep, quite a few hands went up which bodes well for volunteer shepherds in the very popular 'Walking Nativity' staged again this year by Churches Together in Cowbridge and district in the Old Hall Gardens on December 9-10.

There was no doubt from the enthusiasm of the children in the library that they will one day help continue the support for the revival of the British wool industry

HARRY HAILES

'MAJOR EXIT ROUTES ARE TOTALLY LOG-JAMMED...'

Parts of the Vale could be facing gridlock

– councillor warns

by GEM REPORTER

PARTS of the Vale and Cardiff could be heading for gridlock – that's the verdict of one councillor who says we've reached "saturation point".

With a number of housing developments either under way or under proposal in Dinas Powys, Cosmeston, Sully, Barry, Rhoose and St Athan, Coun Kevin Mahoney warned that the flow of traffic was slowing and access to the M4 becoming inhibited.

Coun Mahoney told The GEM: "All major road routes exiting the Vale towards Cardiff are now operating totally beyond any recognised form of design capacity with Culverhouse Cross, Dinas Powys, the Merrie Harrier and Cogan at times totally log jammed.

"The M4 regularly shows signs of failing to cope with current traffic flows. It is apparent that Cardiff and the eastern Vale has already reached saturation point in regards to housing, population, services and traffic levels.

"With 45,000 new houses planned by Cardiff Council and 10,500 by the Vale, only a fool could think that the local infrastructure can cope with these levels of new population growth crammed into such a compact area."

Coun Mahoney pointed out that people in the Vale sometimes faced delays getting onto the M4 for either business or family journeys.

He explained: "It should be clearly obvious to any road user that there is virtually no capacity for more traffic and yet with the new proposals for a business park, park and ride and thousands of new houses (1,500) behind junction 33 a key route out of the Vale may grind to a halt.

"Many council officers, county councillors and national politicians have been paid vast amounts of money over the years and have failed to ensure the total upgrade of infrastructure.

"This should have taken place over the last 25 years in order to cope with a fraction of the new residents and houses in the area."

Coun Mahoney said it may be too late to sort out impending gridlock.

"I would like to offer a suggested solution – but I'm afraid that I can't. I don't think that there is one, and feel sure that we will continue to observe naive people at local and national level who feel that you can just build over every scrap of green land in south east Wales and everything will be hunky dory."

National politicians hope the South Wales Metro project, which seeks to integrate rail and bus services and encourage people not to use cars as much, will solve some of these issues. But some people are wedded to car use – and a train or bus service might not suit their routine or job requirements.

The GEM would like to hear your views on traffic flows in the Vale, Cardiff and onto main routes that lead to other areas of Wales. Do you think things work well? Or are you tired of delays? Please send them to: gemeditorial@tindlenews.co.uk.

Colwinston School is shortlisted for the Kellog's breakfast prize

THE breakfast club at St David's Church in Wales Primary School in Colwinston has been shortlisted in the competition to win £2,000 and the Kellog's prize for 'Best Breakfast Club'.

The club is regularly attended by 40 pupils from the village and the surrounding area. Teachers describe the 'wrap around care' as 'vital' in a fairly remote village where both parents of many children commute to Cardiff.

Colwinston's breakfast club was nominated for the award by Vale MP Alun Cairns who was impressed by the ethos and innovative practices created by the teachers running the club.

One of the most important aspects of the club is the 'buddy system', whereby older children are partnered with younger pupils to help them to fill their bowls and cut their food.

Vale MP Alun Cairns said,: "It was a joy to visit the breakfast club at St David's school in Colwinston. The teachers have done a fantastic job of creating a club with a hugely positive ethos, focused on healthy food as well as an opportunity for the oldest and youngest pupils to play together."

MP JOINS THE SCHOOL BREAKFAST CLUB.

YOUNG FARMERS KICKSTART THEIR COMPETITION YEAR

MAENDY YFC Members kick-started the year with entries in the Glamorgan County carcass judging competition held recently at Wern Fabian Farm, Gower by kind permission of Mr Hugh Philips.

Competitors were required to judge four lamb or beef carcasses respectively, placing them from first to fourth based on conformation and fat cover in line with today's butchering trade.

Maendy members did very well with Lauren David being placed third in the under-16 lamb carcass section. Bethany Jarvis was placed first and Miss Heather Jarvis was placed second in the under-26 lamb carcass section.

In the beef carcass, Kate Thomas and Heather Jarvis were placed joint first; Bethany Jarvis was second and Jodie Williams third.

Soon after the carcass judging, attention turned to the Glamorgan Eisteddfod competition held in Neath Constitutional Club.

Members took part in a variety of stage and homework competitions. Maendy had a successful day with chairman Heather Jarvis achieving first place in the folk singing competition,

New member Cari Fflur Thomas was awarded first in the under-26 recitation section and the folk dancing team were awarded first place.

Attention now turns to the annual county stockjudging competition day which is taking place on Saturday, October 29.

Preparation and training is under way for this year's competition day which is being hosted by neighbouring young farmers club, Bridgend.

The aim is to judge the ring of animals placing them in first to fourth, based on their conformation and suitability for the modern butchering trade. Competitors will them proceed to give their reasons in front of a judge within a two-minute time constraint.

Maendy had a tour of one our member's business, Fablas Ice Cream Ltd, owned by Lauren Evans. Lauren gave us a tour of where she makes her ice cream, telling us the process that she follows to make it. We all got to see her make fresh ice cream, and sample some of course!

As always, new members are welcome to come along and find out what Young Farmers Club is all about.

For further information please contact club chairman, Heather Jarvis, by e-mail maendy.yfc@gmail.com or telephone 07791 250916. You can also visit www.maendy-yfc.com and follow @MaendyYFC on twitter or like 'MaendyYFC' on Facebook for regular updates.

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WARTIME COUPLE ARE CELEBRATING THEIR 75TH ANNIVERSARY

EDWIN and Iona Davies, both Barry-born, celebrated their 75th wedding anniversary on October 11.

Iona is currently resident in the Waverley Care home in Penarth, where she has been for some months.

They married when Edwin was 21, in the Corps of Royal Engineers and home for seven days' leave from the army. They married at St John's Methodist Church on Barry Island.

The wedding dresses were bought using any coupons that could be spared by all members of the family and friends.

Rationing meant that there was no sugar available due to the shortage of coupons again, so they managed to have a cake, but it was decorated with chocolate!

They then took the train to stay with Aunt Aggie in Alcester for their honeymoon weekend!

Edwin worked in a shoe shop when he left the army and spent his working days thereafter as a manager. Iona worked in Dan Evans' children's department for many years and they lived in several parts of southern England and Wales due to Edwin's job before moving back to Barry for the past 40 years.

They had three children. David, the eldest, died in 1977 in a RTA in Oman. His two sisters, Linda and Diane, live near Brecon with their husbands. There were six grandchildren, five girls and one boy and there are nine great grandchildren.

On their anniversary, a small celebration was held at the Waverley home in Penarth.

Family members and friends met to wish them well and congratulation cards and messages were received from all the family, including a special card from the Queen.

Messages were also received from the Alun Cairns MP and Jane Hutt AM, and the Barry Town Council Mayor, Coun Charlotte Williams, also came along to congratulate them.

HEULWEN COOPER

Edwin and Iona Davies on their wedding day.

Edwin and Iona Davies celebrated their 75th wedding anniversary on October 11.

'DEMOCRACY IN ACTION' IS THE THEME AT BARRY COMPREHENSIVE

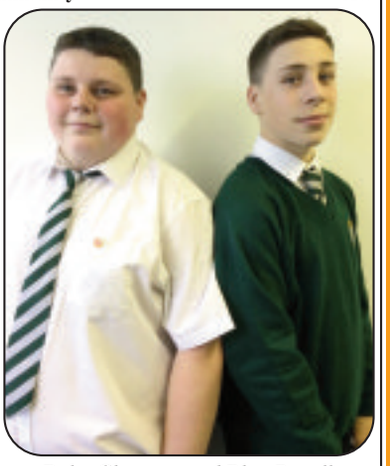
STUDENTS at Barry Comprehensive School have been voting in the Vale Youth Mayor elections, while staff at the school voted for this year's head boy and head girl.

This year, three youth cabinet members are standing in the election for Vale Youth Mayor. Daley Chapman, Daniel Marshall and Rhys Powell. Daley and Rhys both attend Barry Comprehensive School, so students here are particularly interested in the result.

Staff votes saw Ben Rose and Lizzie Scott elected as head boy and head girl respectively.

Well done to all the candidates for putting themselves forward and trying to make a positive difference in their school and community. AC

Congratulations to Ben Rose and Lizzie Scott on becoming head boy and head girl respectively.



Daley Chapman and Rhys Powell, Barry Comprehensive School's candidates for Vale of Glamorgan's Youth Mayor elections.

LEFT: Voting for the Vale Youth Mayor in the school canteen.

LOCAL RESIDENTS URGED TO...
'WEAR IT PINK!'

LEADER of the Welsh Conservatives and South Wales Central AM Andrew RT Davies added his support for those affected by breast cancer by getting behind the 'Wear It Pink' campaign.

Wear It Pink Day, a Breast Cancer Now initiative, takes place on Friday, October 21, and Mr Davies has urged all Vale residents to join him in wearing pink to raise money for life-saving breast cancer research.

The campaign raises close to £2 million a year and anyone can take part. Breast cancer is the most common cancer in the UK and one in eight women will face it in their lifetime – Breast Cancer Now's aim is that by 2050, everyone diagnosed with the disease will live.

Mr Davies said: "Wear It Pink Day is a fantastic initiative and every year I secretly enjoy it since it gives me the excuse to add a touch of pink to my wardrobe! It may be a bit of fun but breast cancer is a serious condition that one in eight women in the UK will get at some point.

"Breast Cancer Now hopes that their research will mean by 2050, everyone diagnosed with the disease will survive, but to do that they need your support. Therefore, please join me on October 21 in wearing pink, donating what you can and standing up to this awful disease."

Andrew RT Davies AM helps to spread the charity's pink message.

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THE Vale for Africa Charity works with TOCIDA in the Tororo district of Uganda Africa in order to improve healthcare and the education and library services through the fostering community.

It has numerous initiatives, which include an eye care project, the funding of three motorcycle ambulances, supports the community library and is working towards building new classrooms in the local school. The charity is also involved in student scholarship programmes.

Motorcycle ambulances are life saving, as they carry extremely ill people who have to be able to get to hospital for medical treatment. They are also important for women in labour, who are experiencing difficulties which could threaten the life of both mother and baby.

A fundraising dinner where £710 was raised for the charity, was attended by approximately 60 guests and organised by Vale for Africa member Dr Hasmukh Shah.

The event was held at the Park Inn by Radisson Cardiff North Hotel on September 29. Among those in attendance were various specialists and general practitioners who work around south Wales.

When asked about the charity, Dr Shah replied: "We find a little help goes a long way."

Record start to the latest Oxfam vinyl record sale

THE third vinyl record promotion at the Penarth Oxfam shop had an amazing first three days, with sales reaching over £1,000.

Customers flooded in to the shop on the first few days buying singles and LPs from all genres and decades – from The Beatles to The Cure. The promotion will continue for at least two more weeks with stock being added as it is donated to the shop.

"We are absolutely delighted with the vinyl sales at the start of our promotion. We would like to thank all those customers who came along but our particular thanks goes to all those people who donated vinyl, as without their contribution the promotion would not be a success.

"We always like to offer our regular customers the first chance to see and buy our collectable records and they give us positive feedback."

Vinyl – both LP's and singles – continues to grow in popularity throughout the UK and in Penarth Oxfam it is still not too late for people to donate records of any kind. They can drop their donations at the shop although larger collections can be picked up by arrangement.

For further information, call the shop on 02920 706358.

Nigel Billingham,
Oxfam Penarth shop music volunteer

CAVC AND ACT ARE JOINING FORCES

CARDIFF and Vale College (CAVC) and ACT, the two largest providers of apprenticeships and skills training in the capital, have joined forces to drive forward support for young people, communities and businesses across the south east Wales city region.

The partnership makes the Cardiff and Vale College group the largest in Wales and in the top five colleges in the UK, with a £75m turnover and over 30,000 learner enrolments annually.

Together the two organisations also become the largest apprenticeship provider in Wales – providing high quality apprenticeships and training programmes across the region, Wales and beyond.

Mike James, chief executive of Cardiff and Vale College said: "Public funding across the board is continually reducing, and with Brexit and the potential apprenticeship levy comes further uncertainly.

"Yet it also provides significant opportunities for the future of apprenticeships, skills training and for both the CAVC and ACT brands.

"We need to ensure we are resilient and retain the capacity to continue to invest, develop provision, deliver more and increase opportunities to best support individuals, communities and employers across the region."

Andrew Cooksley, managing director of ACT said: "We have a long-standing working relationship with Cardiff and Vale College that has seen us work collaboratively to develop and progress learners.

"Our provision is complementary and together we offer learning pathways across all Welsh Government sector skills areas from entry to higher level."

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Trying to stop junk mail...

IT would appear that those of us who do not wish to be subjected to a variety of direct marketing activities as we are inundated by a flood of advertising flyers, hot sales leads, and heartrending letters from any number of charities, are obliged to opt out of the Open Register.

Having already indicated that we wish to opt out of the register via a household enquiry form, we were again faced with completing another form to that effect.

Surely a more considerate (and certainly ethical) approach would have been that we would only need to be troubled with this inconvenience (slight that it may be) by filling in a form if we wished to opt in?

Or possibly the term 'consideration' does not factor into the equation when trying to make a profit. I would hazard a guess that our local council, having insight into the vagaries of human nature, know that the majority of people won't be bothered to opt out and thus the lists they sell to businesses and charities will remain essentially unchanged.

Michael A Crabtree,
Llantwit Major.

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Ysgol Iolo celebrate harvest festival with donation to the Vale Foodbank

Pupils with Mrs Ewa Thomas and the car full of food!

Ysgol Iolo pupils with Defrig Rees.

ON an autumnal October 7, the Parchedig Defrig Rees, from Capel Tabernacle Pen-y-bont/Bridgend, joined the children of Ysgol Iolo Morganwg to celebrate their annual Harvest Festival service.

All the produce donated by the children and families were given to Gareth and Ewa Thomas of the Vale Foodbank, Coastlands Family Church, Tennyson Road, Barry CF62 9TN.

Gareth explained: "The Vale Foodbank provides free food parcels for local people experiencing temporary financial crisis and other difficulties.

"We work with over 40 agencies who help, advice and support people in time of need and our great team of volunteers at the centre can provide a listening ear and help find the right agency for you."

Ewa Thomas added: "We'd like to thank Ysgol Iolo for their generous support. The food that has been collected at this Harvest Festival will help many local families in the coming weeks"

Mrs Rhian Williams, headteacher, concluded: "Thanks must go to Y Parchedig Defrig Rees for leading our joyous thanksgiving Harvest Festival service this year, one which children and teachers very much enjoyed. Thanks also to the children and parents for the food donations. We are sending them to a valued charity in our local community for local people."

To contact the Vale Foodbank, call 07879 562077; email. valefoodbank@ymail.com or see www.vale.foodbank.org.uk.

AMBULANCE SERVICE PUTS HANNAH IN CHARGE OF PLANNING AND PERFORMANCE

HANNAH EVANS

THE Welsh Ambulance Service has appointed a new Director of Planning and Performance – Hannah Evans – who previously held the post on an interim basis, but now takes on the role permanently.

Based in the south east region headquarters at Vantage Point House in Cwmbran, she joined the Trust as head of strategic development in June 2015, before taking up the interim post.

Her previous experience includes roles as head of planning at the Welsh Government and assistant director of planning at Aneurin Bevan Health Board.

Hannah, who lives in Cardiff, said she was delighted to be able to build on the work she has started since joining the service.

She said: "I'm now looking forward to carrying on the improvement journey that we have already set out on."

Chief Executive Tracy Myhill said: "Having strong, collaborative, inclusive and courageous leadership is crucial to the organisation and Hannah's contribution to the executive team during her tenure as interim director has clearly demonstrated such qualities and approach."

"We would like to congratulate Hannah and wish her every success as she takes up the position on a substantive basis."

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ASSEMBLY NOTES

by Jane Hutt AM
(Leader of the House)

Celebrating the achievements of the charitable third sector

I HAD a number of opportunities last week to celebrate the achievements of the charitable 'third' sector serving our communities in the Vale of Glamorgan.

'Not for profit' organisations which work in the third sector are registered charities set up to achieve goals and objectives to improve the social, health and financial well-being of people and communities.

They also foster volunteering in every area of life including the environment, sport and culture.

On World Mental Health Day on Monday, October 10, a number of organisations came to the Senedd to raise awareness of mental health needs and the services they provide.

The Health Secretary, Vaughan Gething AM launched the Welsh Government plan 'Together for Mental Health ' at the event, with a statement to the Assembly on Tuesday about the ways in which we are continuing to invest and modernise our mental health services.

Vaughan Gething was very clear about the role of the third sector in delivering 'Together for Mental Health.'

He said: "We have seen the third sector taking an even more active role in the way mental health services are shaped and delivered in recent years – and help to ensure the ethos of co-production in service planning and delivery."

He said the new plan would continue work to tackle stigma and discrimination, introducing a new 'well-being bond' in Wales and the piloting of a social prescription scheme to improve the availability of sources of support within the community.

The plan also includes investment in the provision of psychological therapies for adults and children and a focus on dementia risk reduction and improving diagnosis rates.

At the AGM of GVS (Glamorgan Voluntary Services) last week, I spoke about our commitment to the voluntary sector and its part in delivering the plan – including organisations like the charity MIND in The Vale, who have been taking part in the primary mental health support service pilot in GP surgeries – with positive results.

I congratulated GVS on an excellent year of work supporting volunteers in the community and developing projects such as 'Co-Creating Healthy Change' – working with another pioneering charity – Vale People First and Cardiff and Vale Action for Mental Health.

At the AGM we heard about a new grant scheme Supporting Older People in The Vale. We were urged to publicise this opportunity with funding from the Welsh Government allocated to the Cardiff and Vale University Health Board from the Intermediate Care Fund for new and innovative third sector community activities and services for older people in the Vale.

The closing date for applications is November 11 and more information can be obtained from Glamorgan Voluntary Service (GVS): 01446 741706 or email ceri@gvs.wales.

I was also fortunate to host an inspiring new initiative called the Responsible Finance Association in the Senedd last Wednesday. This involves four Welsh members: Moneyline, which offers ethical personal lending, contact: *info@moneyline-uk.com*; Social Enterprise Wales, lending to social enterprises, contact: *help@wcva.org.uk*; the Robert Owen Banking, which mainly covers green energy and home improvement loans, contact: *www.rocbf.co.uk;* and Purple Shoots, which lends to individuals and businesses who cannot access funds or loans from other sources. Contact: *info@purpleshoots.org*.

The motto of Purple Shoots is 'Little Loans to Grow Ideas' and it has had great success – particularly in the most disadvantaged communities in Wales. It is a registered charity led by Karen Davies from the Vale of Glamorgan.

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Caring Welsh fundraisers raise £65,000 for charity

HUNDREDS of generous fundraisers across Wales have joined the fight against heart disease by raising an incredible £65,000 for British Heart Foundation Cymru's (BHF) life saving research through its 'Do Your Own Thing' campaign.

From fun runs and sponsored spin-a-thons, to charity quiz nights and bake sales – dedicated Welsh supporters have been showing they're all heart by organising their own fundraising events for its Do Your Own Thing campaign to help support the charity.

Last year, a record-breaking £12million was raised for the BHF through community fundraising activities held across the UK.

They included: South and East Wales – over £25,000; North Wales – over £21,000; and Mid and West Wales – over £18,000.

For a free fundraising pack, visit www.bhf.org.uk/yourway

BEST FOOT FORWARD...

Volunteer appeal

GLAMORGAN Voluntary Services (GVS) will be hosting The BIG Volunteering Fayre on Wednesday, January 18 from 11am to 4pm at Barry Memorial Hall.

A spokesman said: "The BIG Volunteering Fayre is an ideal opportunity to showcase your charity and community group to promote your volunteering opportunities.

"The BIG Volunteering Fayre is likely to have a wealth of prospective volunteers in attendance so with limited spaces book today!."

Anyone representing an organisation and interested in attending the fayre should contact us 01446 741706, email: enquiries@gvs.wales; www.gvs.wales.

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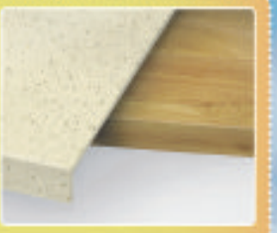

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50 years on – the Aberfan disaster is remembered...

BRIAN KEITCH TELLS HOW VALE OF GLAMORGAN RESPONDED TO THE HORRIFIC EVENT THAT STUNNED THE WORLD

IN 1961, the local management of the National Coal Board decided to dump slag from the Merthyr Vale Colliery above the village of Aberfan – where the Number 7 Pantglas Tip began to pile up.

Perched on a steep slope, and located on top of a mountain stream, much concern was voiced by local residents about the safety of such a development. Protests were ignored and the tip gradually grew over the next few years, with the added danger of 'tailings'– fine particles of coal and ash which when wet, turned into slurry – deposited on it.

Like many disasters, there was a series of events which combined to result in the catastrophe. Heavy persistent rain in the weeks before, the students at Ysgol Pant Glas were due to start their half term holiday – with just a half day at school. Had the school day started 30 minutes later, many lives may have been spared.

The disaster – when Number 7, tip collapsed; raging down the mountainside and taking everything in its path – claimed the lives of 114 school children plus two more of not even school age; twenty eight adults of whom six were teachers. In total 144 lives were lost in a mining disaster – above ground – which was totally preventable.

One would have to go back to 1869, when John Nixon (famously known as one not to give a penny to charitable causes, despite his massive personal fortune that came out of the coal mining industry) opened the Merthyr Vale Colliery.

Typically, the coal owners had little regard to where 'slag' was tipped. Ironically, much of this slag was good small coal – but the money was in lump coal. For the colliers' point of view 'small coal' was worthless – in many cases not even paid for it.

The Universal Colliery in Senghenydd claimed the lives of over half a thousand miners in the disasters of 1901 and 1913 – plus many more in everyday accidents. The price of coal is hard to describe, even today.

The Aberfan disaster was – as always in south Wales – treated on a personal scale. Within a matter of days, appeals for money to help the stricken village came from throughout the world. The police, Red Cross, the Fire Brigade, miners from the colliery and anyone and anybody, rushed to the scene of a disaster unheard of even in the grim history of mining.

In the Vale of Glamorgan, the chairman of Penarth Urban District Council, Mr T Glyn Salmon, announced: "I have been asked to launch a local appeal for funds in connection with the Aberfan disaster fund. Whilst I am sure that no amount of money can compensate for the terrible tragedy which has befallen the people of Aberfan, I feel that the people of Penarth would welcome the opportunity of contributing towards the appeal and thus help in some practical way to alleviate the effects of this disaster".

Another Penarth councillor, Mr Harold Green, suggested that the slag should be dumped into the disused Penarth Dock – thus solving two problems in one!

Within a week, the Penarth Council's appeal had reached over £1,000 – a lot of money 50 years ago. But a letter to the Chairman of Penarth Urban District Council is worth a mention: "Dear Sir, Please find enclosed a postal order value 20 shillings (one pound), my friends and I collected from the sale of used books and toys. Would you please put it towards the Aberfan Disaster Fund. My friends are Vicky Harvey, Paul Harper and Michael Crates. Graham Allen (aged 9)".

Barry Island collected £100 in a door to door collection and a charity ball raised £1,200 – the local Girl Guides did a charity walk from Cardiff to Porthcawl and raised a further £300. Barry Rugby Club hired a coach and helped in trying to dig out the children trapped in the slurry and the crew of a German vessel in Barry Dock had a whip round. Many people from Barry went up the help at the scene of the tragedy.

The Mayor of Barry's appeal raised £586 in a week; by November 11, it had risen to £1,346. Romilly Bingo Club and film goers at the Theatre Royal raised £225.

A memorial service at St Peter's Church, Dinas Powys was full – in particular because a former teacher in the village – Mrs Bates – was killed in the disaster,

Collections were made around Rhoose village and in the parishes of Penmark and Porthkerry.

Further afield, the Mayor of St Pol de Leon in Brittany – Penarth's twin town, informed Coun Salmon that £182 had been sent to the Mayor of Merthyr's Aberfan Appeal Fund just before Christmas.

On a personal note – during the 10 years I spent working in the Czech Republic – I spoke to three former miners in the former coal mining district of Zbysov, near the city of Brno.

On finding out I was from south Wales, the gentlemen informed me of the collection, in a bucket, from all the mines – then open – in the district being sent to Wales.

In Sully, the Treweek Girls made a house-to-house collection in aid of the disaster fund, which amounted to £64 and 17 shillings, which was sent to the Mayor of Merthyr's fund.

The outcome of all this? Lord Robens, the chairman of the National Coal Board, appeared dramatically at the end of the tribunal and admitted that the NCB was at fault, so making most of the hearings in the tribunal quite unnecessary.

The tribunal concluded: *...the Aberfan Disaster is a terrifying tale of bungling ineptitude by many men charged with tasks for which they were totally unfitted, of failure to heed clear warnings, and of total lack of direction from above. ...Blame for the disaster rests upon the National Coal Board... The legal liability of the NCB to pay compensation of the personal injuries, fatal or otherwise, and damage to property, is incontestable and uncontested.*

The final twist in this sorry tale is that the Aberfan Appeal Funds had to initially pay towards the removal of the deadly tips and it was years later that the money was repaid – without interest. The Government of the day was Labour. The Prime Minister, Harold Wilson.

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Gibbonsdown by-election is set for November 3

A by-election is taking place for the Gibbonsdown Ward in Barry on Thursday, November 3 – the ward formerly held by Labour's Rob Curtis.

Among the candidates are Robin Hunter-Clarke, who is Neil Hamilton's chief of staff in the Welsh Assembly. Mr Hunter-Clarke is also a councillor on Lincolnshire County Council.

The GEM did ask Mr Hunter-Clarke whether he thought it feasible to combine the three roles. He declined to comment.

The candidates are:

Julie Aviet, Welsh Labour / Llafur Cymru.

Jennifer Geroni, Welsh Liberal Democrats / Democratiaid Rhyddfrydol Cymru.

Dennis Harkus, Independent.

Shirley Hodges, Plaid Cymru – The Party Of Wales.

Robin Hunter-Clarke, UKIP Wales.

Leighton Rowlands, Welsh Conservative Party.

Nominate a 'local hero'

NOMINATIONS for the St David Awards close at midnight on October 21.

Now in their fourth year, the St David Awards acknowledge the achievements of people the length and breadth of the country to recognise contributions made by people from all walks of life.

The St David Awards categories are: bravery; culture; enterprise; citizenship; innovation and technology; international; sport; young person and the First Minister's special award.

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BGT coming to Cardiff

Billed as 'the nation's favourite talent show', *Britain's Got Talent* (BGT) is on the road again, scouring the length and breadth of the country to find acts for the new series.

The BGT team is holding auditions at the Swalec Centre in Cardiff on Saturday, October 29, and a spokesperson said: "If you think you've got a talent which can impress and entertain, now is the time to show us what you've got!

"Successful acts will then be in with a chance of securing a place at one of the judges' auditions in 2017, and the show is open to any performer of any age, with any talent; all they need is a skill and star quality which they think will impress.

She also said: "Anything goes, from magicians to comedians, drag acts to singers and acrobats to animals."

Aspiring acts should apply in advance of the audition by visiting *www.itv.com/talent* and registering for the local audition day later this month.

Executive producer, Amelia Brown, said: "We've had some amazing winners over the last 10 series, from this year's champion – former Para and now a trooper in the Household Cavalry – Richard Jones, who was the first magician to ever win the show, right through to Paul Potts, Diversity and Collabro.

"We can't wait to see what talent south Wales has to offer. Anyone can apply; there is no age limit and we are looking for all kinds of talents, so if you feel you have something special to show us then make sure you apply, you never know where it might take you."

This year marked the 10th anniversary of BGT with soldier and magician Richard Jones being crowned the winner.

The magician captivated the nation with his mind-reading performances and his moving finale and tribute to WWII PoW and magician, Fergus Anckorn.

Among the show's other successes are: Susan Boyle, who has sold more 20 million records worldwide; Paul Potts, now a multi-platinum selling artist with more than five million records sold worldwide and in excess of 600 concerts performed; and 2014's winners, Collabro, which has had a number-one album.

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FOUR nurses at the Marie Curie – Cardiff and Vale hospice in Penarth want you to get your gladrags on and join them in an evening of fundraising.

Sam Metcalfe, Lauren James, Sarah Harry and Beth Webster are signed up to take part in the Sri Lanka Trek in 2017 in aid of the hospice, and are holding a fundraising dinner, dance and auction next month.

Taking place on November 19, the evening in aid of the charity, which provides round-the-clock expert care and support to those living with terminal illness and their families, will be held at the Marriott Hotel in Cardiff's Mill Lane.

The four, who have named themselves the 'Hospice Hikers' are hoping the evening will help them raise vital funds towards their £14,000 total.

The dinner, which starts at 7pm, will include a red carpet entrance, welcome drinks, three course meal and a raffle and auction.

There will be a performance from a Marie Curie choir and a DJ until 1pm.

If you would like to attend, tickets are £40 per head and available from smetcalfe@hotmail.co.uk, or by calling 074523 488128.

If you would like to donate any items for the auction, please contact Sam on the details above.

GVS video launch

GLAMORGAN Voluntary Services (GVS) hosted an informative AGM on October 13.

A spokesman said: "GVS launched its short video, 'GVS – our story told by you'. The video highlights the outstanding impact of the work local community groups undertake with GVS' support.

The video is available through Facebook, Twitter or directly through the web link: vimeo.com/180309260."

For further details about GVS, contact 01446 741706; email: enquiries@gvs.wales, website: www.gvs.wales.

INFERNO BARELY RAISES A FLICKER OF EXCITEMENT...

DAN BROWN'S Robert Langdon books have raised pulses in the literary world – but when it comes to adapting them for the big screen, they haven't been quite as successful.

Though both *The Da Vinci Code* and *Angels and Demons* have done reasonably well at the box office, critical reception hasn't been overwhelmingly positive, something that director Ron Howard and star Tom Hanks will hope to put right in *Inferno*.

Yet again adapted from Brown's source novel, it sees Langdon awake in a Florence hospital with no idea how he got there; with the aid of doctor Sienna (Felicity Jones), he starts to piece together his memories and, using clues laid before them, the pair travel in a race against time to stop the unleashing of a virus that will wipe out half of the earth's population...

The last two films based on Dan Brown's books provide the template for what you're likely to encounter here – religious imagery and historical knowledge mixed with a dash of puzzles and a race against time to stop the villain's nefarious scheme using only the lead character's mental nous and slight physicality.

Inferno changes the formula up slightly – here Langdon, having banged his head, is shorn of his mental faculties albeit for a shorter period of time than you might think, thus making this film more of a two-hander as he and his newly-acquired doctor friend Sienna team up in order to track down the deadly virus.

However, in every other way possible, this third outing still has all the faults and issues the first two films had, in what is a deeply unsatisfying and dull effort.

Yes, you would expect more from the teaming of Ron Howard and Tom Hanks, but as they've shown previously, even these skilled artists can't work wonders with the material they're given.

The very thing that makes Brown's novels work on the page – the density, the ever-increasing plot twists – on screen just fall flat and frustrate. There are so many plot twists, double and triple-crosses that by the end you'll do well to remember just who is who and what they want out of the whole situation.

While Howard does his best to give the film a strong visual feel – Langdon's dream sequences of hell on earth are well done, while the messy and muddled climax does have a hint of suspense about it – he is fighting a losing battle, while Hanks' charm yet again fails to make Langdon an interesting character.

The likes of Felicity Jones, Omar Sy and Sidse Babett Knudsen are caught between acting and delivering reams of exposition to keep the viewer in the loop, while the only person who seems like they're having a good time is Irrfan Khan's shadowy security expert, who seems to relish every scene he's in and delivers the most enjoyable turn of the film.

David Koepp may have something of a thankless task adapting Brown's prose for the screen, but having also adapted *Angels and Demons* he is on a sure-footing; however, the film's constant twisting and turning means that every reveal fails to carry the emotional impact that is desired, and you're left mistrusting everyone that isn't Robert Langdon (even when Langdon appears to be the guiltiest man in the film!).

But in the end, it all gets reduced to characters running from one landmark to another, spouting nonsensical dialogue and just being painfully dull.

It could have been more intriguing, more layered – the argument for the earth's over-population is what drives the virus' creation – but any subtlety is lost in the running and shouting; *Inferno* ends up feeling like a National Treasure for a more mature audience – and that's not a good thing.

VERDICT: Another Dan Brown adaptation, another damp squib of a film, *Inferno* is a dull and limp blockbuster that takes a talented director and cast and saddles them with weak material.

What could have said something interesting about the world's population and how to manage it instead becomes a film where the main script instructions are to run, hide and (in Tom Hanks' case) keep banging your head, the latter hugely more preferable than having to watch this lifeless effort again. *Poor.*

SEE THIS IF YOU LIKED: *National Treasure* (2004), *The Da Vinci Code* (2006).

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Free bilingual storytime

TWO independent Barry-based businesses are collaborating to offer free bilingual storytime sessions in Barry.

Giggles, of High Street, and Babi Bach are hosting free storytime drop-in sessions every Thursday during term time at 11am and 11.45am. The sessions are suitable for 0 – 5 years and for both fluent Welsh speakers and complete beginners.

The sessions are hosted by Giggles and led by Penni Carr, founder of Babi Bach and a previous winner of the Women In Business award.

Penni said: "Our aim is to support literacy, to make stories fun and to support families considering their first steps in bilingual education.

"We're delighted to be working with Giggles, who are the primary stockist of bilingual books in the town. It's the perfect fit, both for businesses and for the little ones who attend; it's a great introduction to the Welsh language."

Babi Bach offers bilingual music classes from birth to three years at various venues across the Vale. Full details can be found at facebook.com/babibach music or facebook.com/giggles.

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Christmas Party Guide

IZMIR RESTAURANT PROVIDES WONDERFUL DINING – AND A REAL EVENING TO REMEMBER

REVIEW by TIM CHAPMAN

LEFT: The staff at Izmir Turkish and Greek Restaurant on Broad Street, Barry, always give their customers a warm welcome.

THE discerning diner is always keen to try a new dining experience and you won't go far wrong if you try Izmir Turkish and Greek Restaurant at 19 Broad Street, Barry.

Its proud boast, which is written above the bar, reads *'Hospitality is our custom'* and my wife and I were able to put that claim to the test.

We were greeted warmly by the restaurant barman Anthony and shown to our table.

Ali, the head waiter, was very courteous, friendly, and informative about the dishes available.

We decided to go for the 'Grand Meze', a four course meal, for £22.50 per person.

And what a feast we were served!

But before we started eating Ali presented us with a traditional Turkish aperitif 'Yeni Raki' which is an alcoholic drink made with aniseed and sultanas. Each drink came in a special ice container to keep it chilled.

The starters came in the form of cold and hot mezes platters.

I went for the hot mezes platter which contained such delights as 'sucuk', a spicy grilled Turkish sausage, sitting on a bed of sweet peppers; 'haloumi', grilled Cyprius goat's cheese; 'mitit kofte', meat balls in a spicy tomato sauce; garlic mushroom; 'dolmades', vine leaves stuffed with rice and pine kernels; and 'Izmir salad' consisting of tomatoes, onion, cucumber and olive oil dressing.

My wife went for the cold mezes platter. This consisted of 'houmous', mashed chick peas, sesame seed oil, lemon juice and garlic; 'tzatziki', finely chopped cucumber, yoghurt, mind and garlic; a variety of vegetables – such as peppers and carrot sticks for dipping in the 'tzatziki'; 'patlican ezme' containing smoked aubergine puree with mixed yoghurt and garlic; 'dolmades', the vines stuffed with rice, pine kernels and currants, cooked in olive oil; and butter beans served with a tomato sauce. It also came with the Izmir salad.

The platters are usually served for a minimum of two people, but we wanted to experience both kinds. Both were very healthy, containing lots of fresh vegetables and cooked in olive oil. For the calorie conscious these would be good options.

I particularly liked the 'haloumi' and the grilled sausage – both very tasty.

My wife loved the dolmades and houmous.

We then moved on to the main courses which we shared and consisted of 'stifado', a slow-cooked dish of lean pieces of beef, onions, tomatoes, wine, herbs and spices. The beef was so tender it melted in your mouth. It was served with rice, and we agreed it delivered a fantastic flavour. My wife said she hadn't enjoyed such tasty beef.

We also had the Izmir mixed kebab, effectively a mixed grill with a fantastic range of meats, marinated lamb, chicken kebab, lamb ribs and chicken wings grilled on the skewer. There was also a green salad of seasoned, green salad leaves, with olive oil and pomegranate dressing.

At this point we were slowing down a bit – the flavours were delicious.

To accompany the banquet, Ali recommended a Turkish wine Villa Doluca, a white one made from sultanas, which you'd expect to be sweet, but in fact was a refreshing, dry one, and a pleasure to drink.

We finished off with a classic Turkish dessert of 'baklava' made with a traditional Turkish and Greek pastry soaked in syrup with pistachio nuts. We also had a rice pudding made with tree sap. All in all, it was a delightful way to finish off the meal.

We had a wonderful evening and Ali and his staff were very attentive throughout. Plaudits go to the chefs Valentine and Mark.

While we were enjoying our meal we noticed how helpful and amenable Ali and the staff were with all the diners. Nothing was too much trouble and they even took photos for one group of diners.

They went out of their way to ensure everyone had an evening to remember.

Izmir is also the ideal place for a celebration meal or birthday party and sometimes provides entertainment in the form of belly dancers and Turkish music.

It has a high rating on Trip Advisor.

You can either order individual dishes, or go for the cost effective four courses option at £22.95 per person. An early evening (5.30pm – 7.30pm) set menu is £10.95 for two courses. Weekend specials include two courses for £7.95. There is also a set lunch menu Tuesday to Friday, two courses £6.95 (12pm to 2.30pm).

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Vale AM hosts a Senedd reception for Barry artist

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The exhibition, which closed on October 20, is a unique record of community life in Wales and UK that now comprises more than 65 people. Each person featured in the exhibition has been nominated by one of the other subjects.

The project was conceived by Barry artist Glyn Pooley, who back in 2011 began a series of portraits of people he knew and who he felt had touched the community in some way. He asked the people he drew to recommend someone they knew personally and who they felt had made an outstanding contribution to the community.

Stuart Egan (Mayor of the Vale) said: "I found it inspirational and thought of my own life and those of others."

Local choirs sing to 5,000 at the Royal Albert Hall

THE Cor Meibion Maesteg choristers and their wives and partners made an early start on Friday, October 14 for the trip to London to take part in the 25th anniversary of the London Welsh festival of male voice choirs.

After booking into the hotel, the rest of the day was free and they were joined in the evening by Kenfig Hill choir and partners for an enjoyable evening of singing and socialising.

After breakfast on Saturday, wives and partners were dropped off in the city centre and the choir taken on to the Royal Albert Hall for the beginning of a long and arduous day of practice with the Royal Welsh College of Music and Drama Symphony Orchestra and the musical director for the concert, Edward-Rhys Harry.

At 6.30pm choirs took their places in the auditorium and were welcomed by a 5,000 audience.

At 7pm sharp the concert started with a rousing version of 'March of The Men of Harlech', the ovation from the audience was the start of a wonderful experience for the choirs.

Following this we had two soloists Jessica Robinson and Rhodri Prys Jones, before the choirs continued with 'Yfory', 'Serenade', and then 'Working Man' which was conducted by Nantyffyllon's own Dr Haydn James.

Soloists Eirlys Myfanwy Davies and Meilir Jones then did two pieces before the choirs ended the first half with 'Somewhere' from *West Side Story*, 'When You Are Old' (arr by Edward-Rhys Harry) and then the favourite 'Deus Salutis' to finish.

After a 20-minute break, the choirs started the second half with 'Ride the Chariot' conducted by Eifion Thomas, 'I'se Weary of Waiting' and the wonderful arrangement of 'Rhyfel' by Edward-Rhys Harry.

During this half, an Aberfan commemoration song written and arranged by Edward-Rhys Harry called 'Don't Go Chasing Shadows' performed by Quartet and London Welsh Male Voice Choir was really well received, not only by the audience but also the other choirs.

After arriving back at the hotel, the 'afterglow' with Kenfig Hill will probably be talked about with affection for a long time.

It was very fitting that during the concert the musical directors and accompanists were presented to the audience, in our case Rhian Jenkins and Ryan Wood for the very hard work they have put in over the last two years to get the choir in shape for this prestigious event. The choir are very grateful for their efforts.

On the Sunday the choir with partners went to Covent Garden and did a 'flashmob' performance singing 'Calon Lan' and 'Rachie' – really well received by the spectators, and we arrived home about 7.30pm.

Behind the scenes a lot of hard work has been put in towards arranging the trip and a special thanks must be given to the secretary Nigel Williams, treasurer Gerwyn Thomas and chairman Phillip Bevan Jones.

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Tourism boom continues

FIGURES for the first six months of 2016 show that there has seen a substantial increase in the number of overseas visitors coming to Wales and a record half year increase in the amount they spend during their visit.

The International Passenger Survey, published by the Office for National Statistics today, shows that Wales welcomed 450,000 overseas visitors in the first six months of 2016, an increase of 15 per cent compared to the first six months of 2015 and the highest increase among the nations of the UK.

The figures also show that while there has been a decrease in expenditure across the UK as a whole, expenditure by overseas visitors in Wales has increased by more than eight per cent.

For Wales and for the UK as a whole, 75 per cent of international visits in this first half year came from Europe.

A total of 338,000 visitors came from Europe to Wales – 17 per cent higher than in the first six months of 2015. Visits from North America to Wales were also 10 per cent up compared with the first six months of 2015.

The Cabinet Secretary for the economy and infrastructure, Ken Skates AM, said: "This is phenomenal news for Wales.

"Our decision to target key growth markets is clearly working and we remain on course to achieve a 10 per cent growth in tourism by 2020. As we approach the end of the Year of Adventure we are gearing up for the promotion of Wales in 2017, our Year of Legends."

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'Vaccination is the best protection'

HOPE FOR 'FLU JAB PATIENTS

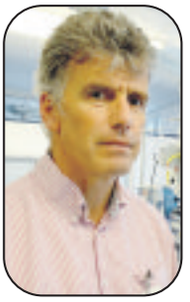
WHEN you work in intensive care (ITU) it's not unusual to have several deaths a year from flu-related illnesses. Patients who arrive in ITU with flu-related illnesses often have a 30 per cent risk of dying.

This is the stark reality of the power of flu as seen firsthand by ABMU assistant medical director and l-care Dave Hope.

He's spent the last 25 years working in intensive care looking after the most seriously ill patients, many of whom have life-threatening conditions.

Last year, 779 people in Wales were treated in hospital for a flu-related illness. Of those, 125 were admitted to intensive care units.

Having seen first-hand the life-threatening conditions caused by flu, Dr Hope explains what makes flu so dangerous and how having your flu vaccination is the best available protection against flu.



Dr Dave Hope.

"Serious flu attacks the lungs causing viral pneumonia which in turn can lead to bacterial pneumonia. Patients often arrive in our unit on breathing machines as they are already unable to breathe for themselves.

"Pneumonia can also lead to other organs failing, such as the heart and kidneys. That can result in people dying. Flu is often associated with the lungs and chest but it actually knows no boundaries.

"Flu virus prefers to attack the lungs," said Dr Hope, "but it can cause infections of the nervous system and gut. Serious influenza infections can also cause temporary paralysis."

Dr Hope fully supports the flu vaccination as the best way to protect yourself and others from what can be a life-threatening virus.

He said: "Some groups are more at risk then others including those who are obese because they are immune-suppressed and people with existing health conditions such as heart disease and lung disease.

"If you are in a high risk group, getting the flu jab could literally save your life. An attack of the flu may just mean a few days of misery or it could result in weeks in intensive care fighting for your life.

"We can't predict who will suffer the worst complications but you can shift the odds in your favour by getting vaccinated.

"The flu vaccine isn't 100 per cent effective but it is safe and it gives the best protection available."

If you are in one of the following high-risk groups it is very important you have your free NHS flu vaccination as soon as possible. Contact your GP surgery to arrange for a vaccination. The flu vaccination is safe and provides the best protection against flu," a spokesperson added.

High risk groups include: *pregnant women; those aged 65 years and over; aged six months or older, with a chronic condition such as stroke, asthma, emphysema, diabetes, heart disease, kidney disease or liver disease; immunosuppressed or living with someone who is; and adults with a body mass index (BMI) of 40 or more;.*

Also, those in long-stay residential care; carers; community First Responders; all children aged two and three years old on August 31, 2015 and four years old but not in school; all children aged four to seven years old (reception class and years 1, 2 and 3 in school).

You can find out more about the flu vaccination at www.abm.wales.nhs.uk/flu.

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NEWS FROM THE FONMON APIARY

Bees make the most of shorter daylight hours!

THERE is no slowing down of external activity just yet.

The shorter daylight hours are being used at every opportunity, which, thanks to the present mild conditions, means that nectar and pollen collecting is still going on apace.

A reduction in egg laying is observable in some colonies but not all; in fact my Varroa mite monitoring programme is proof positive that queens are laying.

How do I know this? Well, thanks to the weather, I have been able to open up selected colonies and see frames that display eggs, larvae and sealed brood, visible proof that the queen is still very active and additions to the colony are still continuing.

Without opening a colony, I only have to examine the contents of the under floor trays that are in place on several colonies to confirm this.

How does the content of a tray come about? Well, the floor of the hive is made up with a fine mesh. This is quite acceptable to the bees and of course anything falling down is collected in the tray.

How do the tray contents tell me that egg laying is still going on? The numbers of Varroa mites that I count indicate very well queen activity – or lack of same.

So how is the link made? The contents of a tray are collected into a glass jar and identified with colony number and date.

What makes up this tray debris? It is bee wings, parts of bees, Varroa mites (dead), pollen grains, and a variety of smaller insects that live on the fallen debris of a hive of bees.

The counting of the Varroa is aided by the use of a 5" magnifying glass with a built-in light and a white enamelled dish.

Small amounts from each sample are placed in the dish and counting begin. This can and does take time, but it is well worth the effort.

If I have a large count, that tells me that a queen must be laying, as the Varroa mite carries out its breeding cycle on the developing larvae that was produced from an egg laid by a queen.

Let us examine the breeding cycle of the mite; it gets underway once the egg laid by the queen develops into a larvae. This larvae is nourished and attended to by nurse bees and after several days of care, food will be deposited in the cell and the larvae will be sealed in with a coating of wax, metamorphosis gets underway and transformation from larvae to bee takes place.

The Varroa mite is ever present on the nurse bees and is well attuned to their activity. When the sealing of the larvae is about to commence, a Varroa mite leaves a nurse bee and goes into the cell and in its turn, is sealed in along with the larvae.

The larvae are now a source of nourishment and a breeding site for the female Varroa.

The first born is a male and he will mate with his mother, as the days pass she will produce at least four daughters, who will be mated by this male who is their brother.

His life is now terminated; his sole purpose for being (that of a sperm bank) is complete. When the bee finally emerges, so do the mites (all females) so where one went in, at least five come out!

And the queen bee, who has the ability to lay some 2,000 eggs per day, is providing numerous sites for the Varroa to multiply.

The mites I am counting will have carried out several breeding cycles and do, of course, eventually die. It is not at all unusual for the count to be several hundred and sometimes many more.

Lots of mites indicate a laying queen, but will the queens stop laying as winter approaches?

Our beekeeping literature says they will; however, mild winters have become commonplace and the weather is the dominant factor in the bees and the beekeepers' world so sometimes the breeding of bees and mites goes on all year round.

There is of course much more to this bee/Varroa association and it behoves all beekeepers to address the situation.

Many beekeepers do not monitor for Varroa at all, and many that do only glance at board inserts or trays and from this casual approach come to the conclusion that all is well and they do not have mites at all.

Due to the mite's small size, they can easily be overlooked among a tray of floor debris. It is my close inspection that provides me with a true picture.

Am I the only beekeeper who has a multiple mite problem? Perhaps some of the other beekeepers just might give me a sample from one of their colonies to examine? Maybe not!

Anyway, I will continue with my mite counting and hope that just maybe someone else will be curious enough to do the same.

HAROLD WILLIAMS

10k charity walkers on £10k! target

THE George Thomas Hospice Care's 10km walk was supported by friends and family as they walked in memory of someone they love, to raise funds for the charity and its work as Cardiff's local hospice, caring for patients diagnosed with a terminal illness, and their families.

Titled 10Kfor£10K, the walk started at the iconic Principality Stadium and was blessed with beautiful autumn weather. Walkers were treated to a talk from former Wales and British Lions forward, Craig Quinnell, before they set off on their walk, starting with a lap around the iconic pitch and then embarking on their route through Bute Park, Pontcanna Fields and Llandaff Fields.

6ft 6in Craig completed the course with his fellow walkers, who were delighted to chat along the way: "I still like to keep fit and with the weather as nice as it is today, a worthy cause and good company, I really enjoyed myself," Craig said.

Chief Executive Officer of George Thomas Hospice Care, Mike Walsh reported: "With the amazing fundraising of the walkers, and the generous sponsorship of Pidgeons of Cardiff, we are well on course to achieving our target of raising £10,000 to pay for 500 hours of additional nursing care."

Making (sound) waves over at Cosmeston Lakes

The sound units have arrived.

AS part of Tesco's 'Bags of Help' initiative, Cosmeston Lakes Country Park has now received new 'Audio Nature Trail' units, which will provide visitors with detailed descriptions as they walk through the nature reserve.

The self-powered, wind-up sound store units will be located at key focus points around the main lake.

The initiative is a grant scheme that sees money raised from the Government's 5p charge for plastic carrier bags being used for local projects.

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Aberfan: The Green Hollow

Friday, October 21, BBC One Wales, 9pm
Sunday, October 23, BBC Four, 8pm

Sian Phillips.

Michael Sheen plays Dan as an adult.

SOME of Wales' best known acting talent including Michael Sheen, Jonathan Pryce, Siân Phillips, Eve Myles, Eiry Thomas and Iwan Rheon star in *Aberfan: The Green Hollow* – a 60 minute film-poem written by multi-award winning poet, novelist and playwright Owen Sheers and directed by Pip Broughton (*Under Milk Wood*).

The script draws on interviews with survivors, parents and those involved in the rescue operation, many of whom have never before spoken about their experiences.

The film uses verse, imagery and music to explore the identity of the village before and after the tragedy. It aims to embrace the disaster's legacy as well as celebrating the strength of the community today.

Michael Sheen said: "Even though what happened in Aberfan took place three years before I was born, I grew up with an awareness of it. Nothing can compare to the unimaginable suffering that was inflicted upon that community, but it was a suffering that resonated with the whole country and beyond.

"From the moment you first hear the story of October 21 and try to imagine what that day must have been like for everyone there, it stays with you for the rest of your life. It certainly has with me."

Jonathan Pryce added: "Nothing I can write or say can come close to expressing the power of this film. I can only share the huge sadness and anger that this disaster was allowed to happen.

"My father was a miner from when he left school until he married my mother. He was in a pit fall. Men around him died and he carried the scars on his back all his life.

"Miners in terrible working conditions knowingly faced those dangers, but they could never have imagined that the negligence and arrogance of the NCB (National Coal Board) could ever result in such devastation above ground."

Siân Phillips said: "No-one who lived through that day has been unmarked. All over the world the name Aberfan evokes the same response of sorrow and a measure of anger that such a thing could happen."

Mothers and children, played by Kimberley Nixon and Nell Olivia James; Shelley Rees and Tegan James; Eve Myles and Christopher Benning.

The 'double marathon' men step out for two charities

Barney and Phil on their walk.

ON Saturday and Sunday, October 8-9, Phil 'Barney' Jones and Phil Duckworth undertook walking marathons on the Wales Coastal Path.

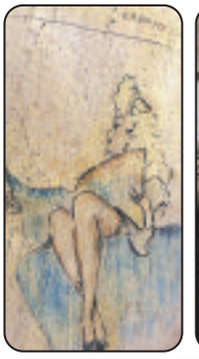
Their aim was to raise money for Velindre and Help for Heroes, charities which are close to their hearts.

Barney explained: "A few years ago, I was diagnosed with a rare form of skin cancer and was very grateful for the care I received from cancer specialists; but also my eldest sister died from lung cancer and the care she received at Velindre was remarkable. These people are very special and this is some small token of appreciation."

Phil also said: "Having spent eight years in the RAF, I fully appreciate what Help for Heroes does for those serving their countries, so it's nice to give something back."

To donate, contact www.justgiving.com/fundraising/Philip-Jones37

HUNDREDS OF VISITORS ATTEND WORLD WAR TWO WEEKEND AT FAMOUS 'HUT 9'



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The Hut 9 Preservation Group recently staged the latest of their Open Weekends at the site of the former Second World War Camp at Island Farm, Bridgend and entertained over 600 visitors.

The site of the famous 'Welsh Great Escape', this former WW2 German prisoner of war camp is sealed to visitors for much of the year, but twice annually the locked doors of the hut from which this escape was made are opened to allow hundreds of visitors a rare look inside this unique building.

Members of the preservation group and over fifty living historians dressed in period uniforms gave talks and guided tours inside the hut. A number of WW2 military vehicles were also on site.

Brett Exton, the group's treasure, gave illustrated talks on the history of the site, and Richard Williams, the group's vice-chair, told visitors about the work the group has done since its formation in 2012.

Every penny donated by visitors to these special openings is spent on improving the visitor experience. In the last year, under the guidance of group member Wayne Gill, the group has renovated a nearby derelict building to convert it into a Visitors Centre and this building now contains a re-creation of the night that 70 Germans escaped through a tunnel dug from one of the rooms in Hut 9.

The group has also worked hard to kit out the rooms inside Hut 9 to give visitors an insight into its fascinating past.

A replica guard tower has been constructed, and military historians were on hand to tell visitors about the history of the site, from its occupation by female workers at the nearby ordnance factory to its housing hundreds of German prisoners of war.

Also on display were dozens of original wall paintings made by the occupants over 70 years ago. A replica NAAFI café, staffed by volunteers, provided refreshments, while group member Stel Anthony recorded the memories of visitors who remembered the site in its heyday.

The group's chairman, Dr. Jonathan Hicks, said, "We were delighted at the high number of visitors to the site, and the wonderful comments made on our preservation work by people of all ages. This Open Weekend was fully booked up months in advance, which gives some idea of the scale of public interest in this historic site. I am now taking bookings for our 2017 events, and half of the 600 tickets have already been snapped up."

Donations to the Hut 9 voluntary group, which is seeking to assure the future of the site, are welcomed and allow the group to make even more improvements to the building and surrounding area.

To reserve a place on the Hut 9 tours on March 11 to 12, 2017 email Dr. Hicks at: bookings@hut9.org.uk

Details of the tours are available via the group's website: www.hut9.org.uk.

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BARRY CAMERA CLUB ENJOYS VIVID 'JOHN WAYNE COUNTRY'

Blowing in the breeze by Barbra Archdale-Smith.

Old balcony by Andrew Hallum.

Owl butterfly by Phil Stillman.

Sunlit by Catherine Charlton-Whittaker.

BARRY Camera Club's first meeting of the new season was on Friday, September 2 where new members were welcomed and the season's event schedule presented.

On Friday, September 9, we welcomed the highly regarded Margaret Collis who gave a presentation entitled 'An Evening With Margaret Collis'.

Margaret, a former WCPF president, is a much-travelled, highly experienced photographer specialising in travel photography. She gave a stunning presentation of prints from the United States taken on a recent trip, and the images of Bryce Canyon in the Utah National park reminded us all of the scenery in the old John Wayne westerns.

Death Valley was another location featured and the images were so realistic that one felt that one could actually feel the heat.

Other pictures were taken in Indo-China, particularly Laos and Cambodia featuring street scenes, farming landscapes and the local peoples and some interesting pictures taken in Singapore during a monsoon rain shower.

Friday, September 16, saw the arrival of Dave Mason, who gave us a presentation entitled 'A Slice Of Life'.

Dave is an accomplished street photographer who specialises in catching people in interesting situations in public places.

Totally un-staged, Dave's photos made use of what he referred to as 'borrowed-art', namely billboards, advertising hoardings, road signs, street furniture such as litter bins etc. and even graffiti.

Although working predominantly in black and white as his favourite medium, Dave used colour when the image demanded it and showed us an interesting series of images featuring yellow lines, brightly coloured graffiti and shop-front signage.

Perhaps most unusual was his use of infra-red photography in a street environment; a rare use of this medium which is usually seen in nature and landscape photography. This was a fascinating evening and we look forward to welcoming Dave in a return visit at some time in the future.

The third meeting in September was hosted by our own Roy Carr. Roy is a stalwart of the club and has recently retired from an extended stint as our competitions secretary which has finally allowed him time to concentrate on putting together his applications for Associateship of the Royal Photographic Society and Associateship of the Welsh Photographic Federation.

To apply for these distinctions it is necessary to present a panel of images, and the topic of the presentation was a demonstration of the best ways of making a panel of one's prints.

To gain acceptance, it is important to present a group of prints that sit well together as a complete unit, even if they are not necessarily the photographer's favourite prints, rather than a 'mish-mash' of a dozen top quality individual prints that just don't work together.

Roy presented previous distinction winning panels of club members and we all discussed the decisions that had been made, which gave us an insight into how we would go about this if we were to apply for such distinctions ourselves, and on this point, we all wish Roy the very best with his applications, but given the high quality of his work Roy certainly won't need luck!

Friday, September 30, being the last Friday of the month, saw our monthly competition night. The judge this month was Glyn Pooley, a noted events and portrait photographer.

Glyn gave a thorough critique to all entries and offered some sound advice to the members whose offerings were not marked highly.

The results were: Monochrome Print: 1st place and 20 points to Hugh Winnan for 'Atlantic Cinema'; 2nd place and 19 points to Barbra Archdale-Smith for 'The Po-Faced Gondolier'; 3rd place and 18 points to Mike Lewis for 'Calanais Stones'.

Colour Print: 1st place and 20 points to Barbra Archdale-Smith for 'The Director's Chair'; 2nd place and 19 points to Roy Carr for 'Corfe Castle Down'; joint third place and 18 points each to Barbra Archdale-Smith for 'Four Birds And Mary' and Glenn Porter for 'On A Road To Nowhere'.

Projected Image: 1st place and 20 points to Phil Stillman for 'Owl Butterfly'; Joint 2nd place and 19 points each to Andrew Hallum for 'Old Balcony' and Barbra Archdale-Smith for 'Blowing In The Breeze'; 3rd place and 18 points to Catherine Charlton-Whittaker for 'Sunlit'.

Congratulations to all who entered, once again to Barbra for multiple successes but also to Cath and Andrew who are not among the regular prize winners.

Throughout the remainder of the 2016-2017 season we have a full programme of demonstrations, talks, photographic expeditions, competitions and inter-club battles planned.

New members are particularly encouraged and will be made most welcome with a programme being prepared especially for the new and less experienced photographers to allow them to quickly gain more proficiency and satisfaction from their hobby.

Barry Camera Club meets every Friday evening from 7pm to 9.30pm at St Francis Millennium Centre, Porth-y-Castell, Barry Garden Suburb, Barry, CF62 6NX. We are a very friendly organisation and new members of all experience and skill levels are always welcome to attend with no obligation to join. Alternatively, for more information visit www.barrycameraclub.co.uk

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'Be aware of horse riders'

DRIVERS ARE WARNED

MANY motorists need to learn how to pass horses properly on country roads – according to the British Horse Society.

Figures compiled by the group show that about 130 road incidents have been reported to them in Wales alone, since they launched their horse accidents website in November 2010.

Representatives of the British Horse Society met with Vale MP Alun Cairns and Andrew RT Davies AM to discuss the issue of road safety for riders at the South Wales Police Mounted Section HQ last Friday.

Mounted officers explained that only that morning their horses had been spooked by drivers passing horses too quickly and closely.

Welsh Secretary of State, Alun Cairns, remarked: "When drivers are passing even police horses inappropriately, it is clear that the primary cause of this problem is not deliberately anti-social driving, but ignorance. I fully support the aims of the BHS and the 'Pass Wide and Slow' campaign who seek to educate drivers about the danger caused by spooking horses.

"Horses are prey animals and easily startled. Riders never have full control of the animal, and when it bolts it can cause serious damage and injury to motorist and rider alike."

South Wales Police is encouraging riders not to use busy roads, and to avoid likely periods of congestion. They also warned riders not to react aggressively to inappropriate driving, but to explain to drivers, if possible, the consequences of startling horses.

Jan Roche of the British Horse Society, said: "Since we launched our accident reporting website there have been 38 rider deaths and 212 horses killed or had to be euthanised following a road incident."

Riding campaigners are seeking to alter the Highway Code to include sections on safely passing horses, and are petitioning the Welsh Assembly to begin a public education drive on the issue.

Vale AM joins the Post Office 'sit-in'

Jane Hutt with protestors at the Post Office

ON Friday, October 14, Vale AM Jane Hutt joined protesters at Barry Crown Post Office for a 'sit-in' in response to the decision by the Post Office to close the branch.

The sit-in was organised by Mrs Tracey Roberts who was concerned at the inconvenience to disabled and elderly people.

Ms Hutt said: "Earlier this year, I launched a vigorous campaign to save our Crown Post Office and my petition attracted thousands of signatures, demonstrating the strength of public feeling on this issue. I also produced a report as part of the consultation process.

"The Post Office itself has acknowledged that the Christmas peak time is so busy, that it will be delaying closure until after then, which begs the question, how will it cope next Christmas once the Crown Office has closed?

"The Post Office has also acknowledged that there are gaps in provision in the Western part of Barry and it will be advertising for a potential operator in that area to supplement service provision.

"Surely this proves that the closure of the Crown Post Office is not justified? It is unthinkable that Barry, the largest town in Wales, will lose its Crown Post Office."

Hunt begins for livestock champion

NFU Cymru is launching its annual award to find the best livestock person working in Wales, with the award winner receiving a top prize of £300 and a Welsh Royal Crystal trophy.

The 'Welsh Livestock Champion of the Year Award', now in its third year, is sponsored jointly by NFU Cymru and NFU Mutual, and the award seeks to champion dedicated, committed and enthusiastic livestock personnel from all across Wales.

Wyn Evans, chairman of NFU Cymru's Livestock Board, said: "We want to recognise the key role a good livestock person can make to a farm and to the Welsh livestock industry as a whole.

"Potential award winners will be judged on how they incorporate health and safety in their day-day activities on-farm, care and management of the herd, the breeding programme, their handling skills, their involvement in the livestock enterprise, vision for the future of the industry and their knowledge of the Welsh livestock industry."

The closing date for entries is Monday, October 31 and the winner will be announced at the Royal Welsh Winter Fair, at Llanelwedd, Builth Wells on Monday, November 28.

Dai Davies OBE, chairman of NFU Mutual's Advisory Board for Wales, said: "The quality of the stockmanship is a major factor in determining the success of any livestock business. We have some superb stockpeople involved in the industry in Wales and I am confident that this will be a keenly contested competition and one which NFU Mutual is pleased to support as the leading rural insurer in Wales."

Anyone interested in entering the award, should contact NFU Cymru for more details and an application form. Write to: NFU Cymru Livestock Award, NFU Cymru, RWAS Showground, Llanelwedd, Builth Wells LD2 3TU, or call 01982 554200; the form can also be downloaded online from www.nfu-cymru.org.uk

ALL AGES FEEL 'THE BURN' AS FAMILIES ENJOY CHALLENGE AT MARGAM PARK

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A "perfect mix of adventure challenges" was the verdict of a highly successful Burn Series event at Margam Park recently.

Over 250 competitors, many of them families from seven to seventy years old tested their skills in running, cycling, kayaking, orienteering and climbing.

The more committed athletes entered the tougher of the two races and seasoned Burn competitor Jeremy Holmes from Penarth braved both the Burn (10km run, 1km kayak, 40km Mountain bike orienteering) as well as the Mini Burn ((3km run, 1km kayak, 10km Mountain bike) on the same day with podium positions in both.

Penarth teacher Jodie Barber, who competed with her husband Andrew and their daughter Evie and son Gethin, said:"It was well organised and pitched just at the right level for families to enjoy together."

International adventure racer Maria Leijerstam from the Vale of Glamorgan, who organised the event, commented: "It was great to see so many people enjoying the sport that I love."

The Vale building winners head for national awards

The award winners now head to London for the National Building Excellence Awards in November.

In April, LABC Cymru held the 21st South Wales Building Excellence Awards at the Vale Resort.

Vale Council winners then went on to compete against finalists from north Wales at the All Wales Building Excellence awards.

Taylor Wimpey were named 'Best Large Developers' for Channel Heights, Rhoose.

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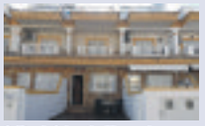

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Valeways walks

ON Wednesday, October 26 at 10.30am, the Cosmeston Coffee Shop Strollers meet at Cosmeston Country Park outside the visitor centre.

Also on October 26 at 2.30pm, the Llantwit Major Coffee Shop Strollers meet at Llantwit Major Town Hall car park.

On Thursday, October 27 at 10am, 'I don't think we have been here before!', starting at the Sycamore Tree pub in Colwinston.

On Monday, October 31 at 7pm, Scare Fest Walk – bring torches; masks optional, starting at St Peter's Church, Mill Road, Dinas Powys.

Cowbridge Art Society

ON Thursday, October 20, Cowbridge Art Society welcomes Pembrokeshire artist Graham Hadlow, who will give a demonstration of painting a Welsh landscape scene in watercolour.

The next meeting will be on November 3, when Barry artist Carl Chappel will give a demonstration of painting a portrait or figure in oils.

The society welcomes artists at any level, and also non-artists who would like to see demonstrations of various art techniques; or attend illustrated lectures on art topics.

We meet on Thursday evenings at the Old Hall, Cowbridge (7pm – 9pm) and occasional visitors and new members are most welcome.

For details of the society's programme and activities visit www.cowbridgeartsociety.com and www.facebook.com/cowbridgeart.cas/?ref=bookmarks.

Brass band concert

THE Vale of Glamorgan Brass Band will perform on October 22 at Rhoose Community Centre (CF62 3EZ) accompanied by solo Rob Westacott and singer Patsy Hunt.

Doors open at 7pm for 7.15pm start and tickets (£5) are available on the door or from band members.

Music at lunchtime

ON Monday, October 24 Scott Baker (classical guitar) will be at All Saints' Church, Penarth at 1pm. Bring your lunch; teas and coffee available.

Entry is free, however donations towards the organ restoration will be gratefully received.

Half term hours at thrift shop

THE Thrift Shop, Woodpecker Square in St Athan will be closed for half term October 24 – 28.

It will re open Monday, October 31 at 10am.

Poppy Appeal

THE Royal British Legion (RBL) is asking for volunteers for the 2016 Poppy Appeal from October 24 to November 12.

Anyone, with military service or not, interested in volunteering, should contact Andrew Reekie, Bridgend branch of the RBL on 01656 669988.

Fun quiz

A SHINE Cymru fun quiz with Phil Steele from *BBC Wales Scrum V* as quizmaster, will be held during Spina Bifida and Hydrocephalus Awareness Week (Thursday, October 27 at 7pm) at Whitmore & Jackson, Friars Road, Barry Island (CF62 5TJ).

Tickets £10 (includes buffet) available from Whitmore & Jackson, or Sian Prince on 07789 616416.

Society AGM

THE Llantwit Major Horticultural Society's AGM will be held on Wednesday, October 26 at 7.30pm in Llantonian Hall, Llantwit Major.

A minimum of 30 members is required, so please come along!

Gardening club

THE next meeting of Cowbridge Gardening Club will be held on Thursday, October 27 at 7.30pm in the Lesser Hall when the speaker, Claire Revera, will give demonstration of 'Festive Willow Weaving' followed by a practical. New members welcome.

Spooky Saturday***Bridgend

THERE will be plenty of treats and a few tricks at a Spooky Saturday event on October 29 in the Rhiw shopping centre and indoor market, Bridgend from 10am – 2pm.

The ghoulishly good fun will include a scary storytime at 11am, trick or treat activities at 12pm, as well as arts and crafts and face painting.

A pumpkin design competition is also being held in advance, with the six winning designs being carved and put on display on 'Spooky Saturday'.

All competition winners will also receive a goody bag, while the child who scoops first prize will have their design made on a cake by Jenkins the Bakers. Designs must be submitted by Sunday, October 23 and entry forms can be picked up in the Rhiw shopping centre.

Charity murder mystery night in support of Welsh Hearts

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The evening takes place at Holm House Hotel, Marine Parade, Penarth, on October 31 at 7pm for 7.30pm. Tickets are £39.95 and it is strictly formal wear on board ship!

To book call 02920 647735.

Animal Welfare AGM

THE AGM of Maesteg Animal Welfare Society will take place on Wednesday, November 2 at the Maesteg Council offices, Talbot Street, at 7pm. All are welcome.

Ladies' choir

YNYSAWDRE Village Hall presents Maesteg Ladies' Choir on Friday, November 18 at 7pm. Admission £5, includes refreshments. For tickets, call Mair on 01656 722115.

Could you help an elderly person?

AGE Connects is appealing for volunteers to provide transport for lonely elderly people.

A spokeswoman said: "Going to hospital is never a choice any of us want to make, even when it makes us feel better. Especially when you have no one to take you, and you are older and anxious.

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Ty Hafan lottery draw winners

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A gentleman dearly missed by all who knew and loved him.

Resting at Porthcawl Funeral Home until the funeral on Monday, October 24, which will take place at 1.45pm at Coychurch Crematorium. Family flowers only, but donations if desired, in lieu of flowers to SSAFA and Leukaemia CARE c/o Richard Mustoe of Porthcawl Funeral Services, 75 New Road, Porthcawl, CF36 5DH. Tel: 01656 783699.

WILSON
Melania Maria

Peacefully on October 12 at Llandough Hospital, Melania Maria, (Lania), aged 83 years, of Coronation Street, Barry. Beloved wife of the late Gordon.

Lania will be sadly missed by all of her family and friends.

Resting at A.G.Adams & Son Funeral Home, Gladstone Road, Barry, where flowers may be sent or, if desired, donations may be handed to the funeral director after the funeral for Holme Towers, Bridgeman Road, Penarth. Funeral service in the chapel on Monday, October 24 at 12 noon, followed by cremation at Cardiff & Glamorgan Crematorium, Port Road East, Barry.

HAWKINS
June Yvonne (née Pinch)

Peacefully on October 6, after a long illness at College Fields Nursing Home, Barry, June formerly of Heol Isaf, Nelson and of Barry. Beloved wife of the late Dennis, devoted mother of Jonathan and Andrew, dear mother-in-law of Helen and Lynne. Much loved grandmother of Alex and Linda, Rebecca and Sam, Leah and Chris, loving great grandmother of Joseph and Thomas, step great grandmother to Amelia and Freya and special sister of Janice.

Sadly missed by all her family and friends.

Funeral Tuesday, October 25, service at St Johns Church, Nelson at 2pm, cremation at Glyntaff Crematorium at 3pm.

Family flowers only please but donations in lieu (to support research into Picks Disease) should be made payable to John Davies c/o John Davies and Sons Funeral Directors, Beechwood, Park Terrace, Trelewis. CF46 6BT. Tel: 01443 410224.

BOWLES
Graham Anthony

Peacefully after a long illness at the Waverley Care Home Penarth, Graham Anthony, aged 85 years. Previously of Wye Close, Cwm Talwg, Barry. Beloved husband of the late Joyce and dearly loved father of Tony, Stephen, Leslie and father-in-law of Mary and Alexis. Cherished grandfather of Sarah, Paul, Ceri, Jodi, Liam, Katie and great grandfather of Arthur.

Graham will be sadly missed by all of his family and friends.

Resting at A.G. Adams & Son Funeral Home, Gladstone Road, Barry until the funeral on Tuesday, October 25, service in the chapel at 1pm, followed by cremation at Cardiff & Glamorgan Crematorium, Port Road East, Barry. Family flowers only, if desired, donations may be handed to the funeral director after the funeral for Alzheimer's Society.

CAUNT
Edward (Ted) Ernest

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WILLIAMS
Rhodri Wyn (Rod)

Peacefully on October 12, at his home in Llantwit Major, with his family by his side, and a smile on his face. Rod, aged 75 years young, the dearly loved and unique husband of Lyn. Treasured dad to Emma and Catrin, father-in-law to Paul and Lynn, a devoted Taid Bass, to Tomos, Elen, Alys, Dafydd, and Beca.

He will be greatly missed by his loving family and friends.

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GEORGE
Robert William

Peacefully on October 12 at Springbank Nursing Home, Barry, Bob, aged 93 years of Llantwit Major. Beloved husband of the late Rosemary and dearly loved father of Steven and the late Rosemarie, father-in-law of Hazel and much loved grandfather of Amanda.

Resting at the Private Funeral Home of W James & Sons, Fonmon. Funeral Friday, October 28, service 12 noon at St. Illtuds Church, followed by cremation at Coychurch Crematorium, Bridgend at 1.15pm.

No flowers by request, donations in lieu, if desired, to Alzheimers Disease Society c/o J James, 11 Fonmon Road, Rhoose, Vale of Glamorgan, CF62 3DZ.

NEATHEY
Margaret (née Fitzgibbon)

Peacefully at Marie Curie Hospice Penarth, after a short illness, on Saturday, 8th October 2016, Margaret, aged 82 years. Beloved wife of the late Bryn, much loved mum of Lynne and son-in-law Jonathan, loving nan of Peter and David and devoted great-nan to Isabelle.

Funeral service to be held at St Peter's Church, Dinas Powys on Monday, 24th October, 2016 at 2pm, followed by cremation at Cardiff and Glamorgan Crematorium Barry at 3pm.

Family flowers only but donations in lieu, if desired, to be sent directly to Marie Curie Hospice, Bridgeman Road, Penarth, CF64 3YR.

All enquires to Green Willow Funerals, 21a Station Road, Dinas Powys, CF64 4DE. Tel: 029 20514627.

JAMES
Susan

Suddenly taken from us on Saturday, 8th October 2016, Sue James, aged 69 years. Beloved wife of the late Chris James, loving mother of Rachel and Mark, dearly loved mother-in-law of Martyn and Adela. Cherished grandmother of Rachel, Lizzi, James, Matthew, Sophie, Victoria, Megan, Ellie, Leah, Dafydd and Lexi, missed by all.

Sue will be dearly missed by all who knew her.

Resting at Green Willow Funerals until her funeral service on Friday, 28th October at St Helens R.C Church, Barry at 1pm, followed by committal at Cardiff & Vale Crematorium, Barry at 2pm. Family flowers only, donations in memory of Sue to Ty Hafan or Scleroderma c/o Green Willow Funerals. All enquires to Green Willow Funerals, 21a Station Road, Dinas Powys, CF64 4DE. Tel: 029 2051 4627.

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TERENCE JONES
(Terry)

Kath, Helen and Huw wish to thank all family, friends, neighbours, ex work colleagues and all those who attended Terry's funeral. Thank you for all the cards, flowers and messages of support and the donations to Terry's three chosen charities.

A special thank you to Canon Joe Boardman and Deacon Elfed for a very uplifting and comforting service.

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SKILLSCYMRU 2016 INSPIRES GLAMORGAN'S NEXT GENERATION

YOUNG people from across Glamorgan were given a taste of different career options at SkillsCymru 2016, Wales' largest careers fair, which took place at Cardiff's Motorpoint Arena last week.

The event saw more than 50 employers exhibiting their range of career opportunities, including NHS Wales, Horizon Nuclear Power, Aldi and the RAF.

Attendees were given the chance to meet apprentices and employers from a range of different industries including manufacturing, medicine, teaching, tourism, caring and catering.

British astronaut, Tim Peake, who visited Techniquest on Thursday, spoke to students at SkillsCymru via a live link to the event. Students heard Tim talk about the important science experiments he conducted during his mission for researchers across the planet, including trying to grow blood vessels and protein crystals, as well as using a furnace to melt and cool metal alloys as they float in mid-air.

The free event was attended by thousands of young people from schools, further education colleges and work based learning providers across Wales including Bryntee School, Maesteg School, Cowbridge Comprehensive School, Llantwit Major School, Ysgol Gyfun Gymraeg Llangynwyd and Ysgol Bryn Castell.

Emyr Hunnam (left).

The students were able to take part in interactive games, challenges, mock job interviews and were able to quiz exhibitors about career opportunities, learning routes and get careers advice for the future.

They were put through their paces by the British Army, had their welding skills tested using Lincoln Electric's virtual reality simulator and took part in drama workshops with the Arts Council of Wales.

Emyr Hunnam, (16), joined fellow students from Ysgol Gyfun Gymraeg Llangynwyd at the Go Construct stand where they were able to learn about the construction, and talk to professionals in the industry.

He said: "I've started studying for my A-Levels but I am unsure of what I want to do when I finish school, so Skills Cymru has been helpful to see the different options available. I think it's a great event especially at my age when I'm thinking out my next steps."

St Augustine's churchyard project gets the go ahead

THE Friends of St Augustine's Penarth have just heard that they have been awarded a start up grant of £8,000 from the Heritage Lottery Fund (HLF) for its 'Heritage and Habitat' project.

The grant will enable volunteer members of the Habitat and Heritage group to progress this innovative and exciting project which will transform the large and rapidly deteriorating churchyard into a centre to which people can come to learn, look and relax.

Chair of the Habitat and Heritage Group, Andrew Davison, said: "This is a fantastic boost and the grant will enable us to get on with the preparatory survey work which is essential before we involve the local community more fully.

"We are very aware that this site is of great historical and environmental importance and we have a responsibility to record its history and make better use of the site as a place of environmental interest. It is a huge project, but this news has enabled us to make a start with confidence".

St Augustine's churchyard occupies a remarkable site with far-reaching views towards Cardiff and the mountains beyond.

An ecological survey carried out last year revealed that the area is home to many plant species, birds, insects and some rare lichen. Among those of local interest buried in the churchyard are the famous Welsh composer, Joseph Parry and Brain family, well known for brewing.

Richard Bellamy, head of HLF in Wales, said: "The Habitat and Heritage Community Project is a fine example of HLF's Start-up programme that, thanks to National Lottery players, makes it possible to support local people to manage and sustain heritage for future generations, and to engage the community in its preservation."

Orchid Society meets

CARDIFF and Vale Orchid Society had a break for the summer in August and no meeting in September due to the orchid display at the National Botanical Gardens of Wales, which proved very successful.

In October we welcomed Trey Saunders, who gave a talk on the 'Amazing World of Orchids,' in which he discussed unusual varieties of orchids and their habitat. He also gave a brief personal history of his interest in orchids.

The next meeting is on Saturday, November 5, at the Old School, Sully, at 2pm with a talk by Dr Roy Bailey Wood, a rebound expert in Masdevilla. Everyone with an interest in orchids and caring for orchids is welcome to join us.

For more information, contact Tony Cumming on 01446738472.

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October report

DAETH Dilys Richards o Benybont atom ym mis Hydref i siarad am ei gwaith crefft.

Mae Dilys yn gyfarwydd i ni fel cynrychiolydd y De-Ddwyrain yng nghystadleuthau crefft Merched y Wawr yn y Sioe Frenhinol a hynny gyda chryn lwyddiant dros y blynyddoedd.

Rhoddodd fraslun diddorol i ni o ddatblygiad gwahanol ddeunyddiau o wahanol rannau o'r byd. Aeth ymlaen i olrhain hanes y sampler, y croesbwyth a chwiltio.

Daeth ag enghreifftiau o'i gwaith i'w dangos. Tros baned cawsom gyfle i holi Dilys am dechnegau'r gwaith a rhyfeddu at gywreinrwydd y cynnyrch terfynol.

Diolch i Dilys am rannu ei doniau gyda ni.

DILYS Richards from Bridgend was our guest speaker in October.

Dilys is well known to us as the south east Wales representative in Merched y Wawr craft competitions at the Royal Welsh Show, where she has enjoyed considerable success over the years.

She gave us an interesting outline of the development of different fabrics from all over the world.

She went on to trace the history of the sampler, the cross-stitch and quilting.

She brought some of her work for us to see. Over a cuppa we were able to discuss with Dilys the techniques of the work and marvel at the finesse of the end product.

We thank Dilys for sharing her skills with us.
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Barry Town United welcomes Port Talbot

THIS Saturday sees a special fixture in Barry Town United's 2016-17 campaign, as the club welcomes Port Talbot Town to Jenner Park for the first match between the sides in more than 12 years.

As well as sharing a glut of players across the seasons (not least current Barry forward Drew Fahiya), the teams' respective supporters have developed a bond like few others in Welsh football, with Saturday's league match (2.30pm kick-off) poised to be a celebration of this unique friendship.

Tracing their origins back to 1901, the former Port Talbot Athletic would adopt their modern 'Town' moniker in their centenary season, having earned promotion to the Welsh Premier League in 2000.

Barry and PTT had previously crossed paths in the Welsh League, but the presence of both on the national stage ensured their matches took on a new prominence after the turn of the century.

Following an initial stalemate, Barry would embark on a period of dominance over their western opponents; winning six times against Port Talbot in all competitions between April of 2001 and 2002.

Port Talbot's first win against Barry in the WPL, meanwhile, came in September 2002, as a crowd of 651 saw the unbeaten visitors take the Friday night spoils at Jenner Park, winning by a single goal.

NEW OWNERSHIP

The 1-0 result was a special one in Port Talbot Town's modern day history, as the Steelmen climbed to the top of the Welsh Premier League for the first time, at the expense of the reigning champions.

By the next meeting in December 2003, the Welsh Premier League landscape had changed considerably; with Barry Town under new ownership, marooned at the bottom of the table and fielding an unrecognisable XI from that which ran out at Victoria Road the previous campaign.

Nevertheless, the Barry spirit proved strong that night as David Hughes' players came from behind to lead in Port Talbot via Alun Hughes' double; before being pegged back to an eventual 2-2 draw.

The last meeting of the clubs to date came in May 2004, as efforts from Gavin Allen and Luke Sherbon (plus a fortuitous own goal) helped Barry to a 3-1 win on the final day of the season.

However, the result proved too little, too late for the Jenner Park outfit, with the seven-time Welsh Premier League champions having been condemned to relegation exactly a fortnight earlier.

Following Barry's exit from the national top flight, Port Talbot would stabilise as a Welsh Premier League outfit, while making their mark like never before in several other prominent competitions.

In 2007, over 2,500 spectators watched the Steelmen secure an FAW Premier Cup quarter-final victory over visiting Swansea City; the promotion-chasing Swans fielding the likes of Lee Trundle and Adebayo Akinfenwa, who had shone at Jenner Park en route to Football League success.

Three years later, PTT made their way to their first ever Welsh Cup Final; coming from 2-0 down at Parc-y-Scarlets to draw level with Bangor City, before the Citizens snatched a stoppage time winner.

TELEVISED

2010 saw Port Talbot embark on their first European adventure, travelling to Finland in the UEFA Europa League qualifying rounds, while the Steelmen came within a whisker of more European football in 2013, losing out narrowly to Bala Town in a one-off Europa League play-off.

For Barry fans however, this televised clash was particularly notable for a large banner behind the goal, the Port Talbot regulars showing their public support for the Jenner Park club's off-field battles.

PTT and their then-chairman Andrew Edwards would continue to be staunch supporters of the Barry cause in the turbulent summer to follow, standing shoulder-to-shoulder with the long-suffering fans, as they took their fight for survival to the High Court.

With Jenner Park re-energised by the subsequent victory, Port Talbot's colourful band of followers would continue to play a part in the Barry comeback story; from attending games on fixtureless weekends to sponsoring youth players and competing in a Supporters' Cup match against their yellow and blue counterparts in 2015.

Now, with their own club in the midst of their own off-field challenges after demotion from the Welsh Premier League, it is hoped the Barry public will recognise the role played by Port Talbot in the Barry Town revival and extend the hand of friendship again at Jenner Park this weekend.

Barry have commissioned a unique programme for Saturday's Welsh League Division One fixture, in two different colours: traditional green for the home support and Port Talbot blue for the visitors.

Meanwhile, the match has been designated as a special schools' ticket fixture, with youngsters, parents and guardians from across the Vale invited to join in the matchday fun.

Under the management of Paul Evans, Port Talbot Town head to Jenner Park off the back of a thrilling 5-4 win over Ton Pentre last weekend, a match the Steelmen won after being 3-1 down at the interval.

Conversely, Barry slumped to a 1-0 loss at championship contenders Goytre; the side's second successive away defeat, as Town continue to chase a first win on the road in 90 minutes all season.

In a token of solace however, Barry's record at Jenner Park has been formidable this campaign; with Gavin Chesterfield's men winning each of their six outings to date, across all competitions.

Following Saturday's fixture (2.30pm kick-off), the club is back at home on Tuesday, October 25, when Haverfordwest County come to Barry for a high-stakes Nathaniel MG Cup quarter-final.

Kick-off in the Cup match is at 7.45pm, with entry for each of the upcoming fixtures at Jenner Park priced at £5 on the turnstiles, with concessions for senior citizens, students and children.

ASHLEY COX

Barry RFC Seconds end up back on the rack

BARRY RFC Second XV were left still searching for a first home victory this season after a disappointing performance against Rhiwbina, losing by 31–3.

Another long list of players not available or withdrawing late on saw the preparations for the game once again disrupted.

In very difficult weather conditions, Barry struggled to adapt their game and were heavily reliant on their tackle count to keep themselves in the contest.

Without a recognised hooker, the line-out became a lottery and that gifted their talented opponents the territory and possession to dominate the game.

Barry had few chances and relied on individual flashes of brilliance, with their backline occasionally sparking to life, but they were starved of any meaningful possession behind the much-changed pack.

Rhiwbina finally opened the scoring with an unconverted try, but Barry pegged them back just before the break when Danny Ryan stroked a penalty over.

That would be as close as Barry got as they tired in the second half and allowed the visitors to cross their line four times, with Rhiwbina benefitting from some uncharacteristic errors from the home side.

Barry battled till the end but they would rue their lack of cutting edge as they continued to seek that elusive first home win.

Barry Second XV travel to Dinas Powis next weekend, whilst the Third XV host Canton.

Team: Robertson; Peake, Busuttil, Ryan, C Chucas; Williams (c), McCann; Fortt, Hall, Brooke; Deyes, Rolfe; Morris, Jones, Miller. Replacements: J Chucas, Pugh, Ashill. Sub not used: Poole

KC

JOHN IS THE TOP SENIOR

John Stacey (right) with runner-up Mike Quick.

THE annual 'Super Seniors' golf competition, organised for those members of Cottrell Park Golf Club who are aged 70 and over, was held recently on the ever-improving Button course at Cottrell Park.

John Stacey with 37 points was declared the winner, just one point ahead of runner-up Mike Quick.

Nearest the pin on the par three holes were David Stephenson, Chris Stanlake and Tony John, with Bill Aspinall winning the longest drive prize.

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Penarth Hockey Club shares spoils with Swansea rivals

Swansea 4 Penarth 4

PENARTH Hockey Club's two senior teams found themselves facing old rivals Swansea City in key GoCrea8 League match-ups, but the tale of two fightbacks had contrasting emotions for the Vale club.

Penarth's first XI travelled to Swansea on the back of a spirited 2-2 draw against Swindon the previous Saturday, and knew that a similarly tough encounter was on the cards. Despite ultimately beating their old rivals to the De Cymru and The Marches title last season, the two teams played out a couple of feisty encounters, re-establishing a very fierce rivalry while splitting the series with one win apiece.

Penarth started the mid-afternoon fixture the sharper and were quickly on the scoresheet as Joe Thomas carried the ball deep into the opposing 'D', before finding Chris Baker, who expertly dispatched a low reverse-stick shot to notch a team-leading fourth goal of the season.

The high intensity at which Penarth were playing then kept their hosts under pressure, and it wasn't long before the visitors doubled their lead. This time, following a great passing move around the back line, Marcus Powell fired the ball into the 'D' and onto the stick of Phil Lane, whose neat deflection flew past the Swansea goalkeeper and into the top corner of the net.

Despite briefly being reduced to ten players due to a moment of indiscipline, Swansea managed to survive the continued Penarth pressure, keeping themselves in the game when it could easily have got away from them. The reward came just before half time when, following an intense 10-minute downpour, the home side found their way onto the scoresheet to take themselves into the half-time break just one goal down.

Despite being pegged back, the second half followed a similar pattern, with Penarth playing at a high tempo and Swansea doing all they could to break play down in their defensive third of the field. Given the apparent Penarth dominance, therefore, it was something of a surprise when it was the hosts who got the next breakthrough, with a smartly-taken goal at a penalty corner evening up the tie at 2-2.

Losing their advantage appeared to be the prompt for Penarth to raise their game even further, and they were rewarded with a quick riposte as Baker picked up the ball at midfield and beat his marker before finding Lane in the 'D'. Despite still having work to do, the centre forward duly doubled his tally for the game, scoring on his reverse side after beating the solid Swansea keeper.

Again, history seemed to be repeating as, having regained the lead, it wasn't long before Penarth got another, this time courtesy of a clever Jack Jopson deflection after good work from Thomas.

The sense of deja vu would continue through the remainder of the half, however, and that wasn't good news for the visitors. Despite being in control, and having an extra man advantage following more ill-discipline from the Swansea side, the Bears let the hosts back into the game, as a quick counter-attack brought the hosts back into the game at 4-3 and, as before, parity would be restored late in the game, as a series of penalty corners allowed Swansea to salvage an equaliser.

Despite controlling the game for much of the 70 minutes, Penarth were thus forced to settle for a 4-4 draw following their late collapse, and slip to fifth place in the Conference North standings after three matches.

Goalscorers: Chris Baker, Phil Lane (2), Jack Jopson.

Penarth 'A' 2 Swansea 'A' 2

THE Penarth-Swansea rivalry had been renewed earlier in the day as the second XI entertained their foe from 'down west' in a noon encounter at Stanwell School.

The weekend started with the visitors topping the De Cymru 1 table and Penarth attempting to close the gap, but the Bears saw no reason why they should not be able to compete on level terms having retained the majority of the side that took a comfortable 8-0 win over Whitchurch the previous Saturday.

Despite that, however, the first half started with the visitors settling better than the home side and stringing together some good chances, although the Penarth defence managed to deal with most of the pressure and any shots on target were comfortably dealt with by new goalkeeper Simon Comfort.

After soaking up the early pressure, Penarth eventually found their feet and started to play some nice hockey. With play switching from end to end, however, chances that went unconverted came back to haunt the home side and, despite having seen the better of the half, they would fall behind as the visitors converted a ball fired to the far post.

Despite still being a goal down at the interval, Penarth were still very much in the game, and the half-time team talk centred on trying to do much the same as they had in the opening period and not forcing the play in pursuit of an equaliser.

Again, the second half followed the same pattern of the first, with the visiting side seeing the better of the chances, and this eventually led to them doubling their advantage as a straight penalty corner spike found the bottom corner of the Penarth net.

The Bears refused to let the setback unsettle them and battled on, winning a string of penalty corners after concerted pressure in the Swansea end. This eventually led to the deficit being halved as midfield general Mark Thomas found the backboards, snatching a rare goal from a breakdown in the penalty corner routine.

With the game again in the balance, tempers began to fray and, while the Bears largely controlled their emotions, a series of Swansea players were sent to the sin-bin for backchat, giving the home side a further confidence boost heading into the final quarter of the game.

Free to create pressure, both from well-worked moves and quick breaks from the back, Penarth threw everything at the Swansea goal and, having seen one Dave Stevens crash ball sent narrowly wide by Sam Docherty, a change in formation to push five players into midfield eventually yielded a reward as a near identical move saw Stevens' cross forced across the line by Docherty for a well-deserved equaliser.

The strike was particularly well-timed as the final whistle sounded almost immediately after the restart, denying Swansea a chance to reply as Penarth took a hard-earned point.

Goalscorers: Mark Thomas, Sam Docherty.

Gwent 'B' 9 Penarth 'C' 0

DUE to a booking mix-up, the recently-reformed fourth XI saw their opening league match pushed back a couple of hours, and this had an unfortunate effect on the outcome, with two key players being rendered unavailable by the new start time.

As a result, the 'C-siders' went into the game with Graeme Jones, Simon Wilkinson, Zbig Sobiersierski and Derek Wooding as the only seasoned players in a 12-man squad, alongside a pair of 13-year-olds making their senior debut and a returnee to hockey who hadn't played in decades.

Ironically, it was the experienced defence that was to blame for the majority of the first half goals, with a young Gwent side able to find lots of space in the 'D' due to our poor marking. Penarth were undeniably rusty, having not played together as a full side prior to the game, but Gwent were also fortunate in that everything they touched in the 'D' seemed to find the net, giving them an unrealistic – but still insurmountable – 7-0 lead at half-time.

A tactical reshuffle during the interval saw the experienced Adam Morse move to marking centre back with young Rhys Meddins taking up the challenge on the right of the defence and, combined with better organisation as a unit, the second half was move even, with Gwent only adding a couple of goals to their tally. Penarth's increased involvement in the game, and spells of good passing hockey, resulted in half a dozen penalty corners and numerous shots on goal that could easily have seen them win the second period and could have easily won the second half after an ominous start to the afternoon.

Whitchurch 'D' 2 Penarth 'B' 2

THE third team played a friendly game against a Whitchurch team from one division above them, and produced a solid overall performance, with two goals from Dave Watkins and a couple of excellent Mark Harris saves earning a creditable 2-2 draw.

All four Penarth sides will be in action this weekend, with the first XI hoping for a big attendance on the sidelines as they attempt to return to winning ways against mid-table Devizes at Stanwell School (1.45pm start). Things don't get any easier for the second XI, however, as, having faced one top-of-the-table side in Swansea, they do so again as they travel to take on Cardiff University in the capital. The thirds, meanwhile, will try their luck against the free-scoring Gwent 'B' side as the fourths get a taste of the Swansea rivalry with another away fixture.

Penarth Hockey Club always welcomes new, old and returning players, umpires, supporters, friends and helpers regardless of age and ability. Training takes place on Wednesdays at Stanwell School, with the juniors on the pitch between 6.15pm and 7.15pm and the seniors between 7pm and 8.15pm.

Anyone interested in joining the club at senior or youth level can contact club secretary Dave Stevens (d_stevens81@hotmail.co.uk) for further information.

BRIDGE IN THE VALE

THE results for the Vale of Glamorgan Bridge Club for October 17 are as follows:

First, Tony Disley and Simon Richards – 71.04 per cent. Second, John Evans and Steve Burgoyne – 64.58, and third, Kevin Maddox and Mike Best 64.3.

BE

Bridge club's donation to Bridgend Samaritans

THE President's Cup and charity evening at Bridgend Bridge Club was held on Friday, October 14.

Approximately 40 club members gathered to contest the President's Cup, donated last year by Bill Turner, club president. The winners were Marjorie Morris and Gareth Jenkins. Many congratulations to both for a superb win.

Particular mention must be made of Gareth, who only began bridge lessons a year ago. It is to Gareth's credit and also to the quality of the club's beginner lessons, delivered by Steve Burgoyne, that he has made such progress.

The other purpose of the evening was to raise funds for this year's charity, Samaritans. The club is proud to announce a final amount of £778 pounds to be donated to this very deserving charity.

This figure includes over £500 raised by John Henson for his tireless work in supplying refreshments at every club evening.

The results for recent events at Bridgend Bridge Club are: Wednesday, October 12 – Teams: First, Laura Woodruff and David Birt; Julian Pottage and Simon Richards. Second, Tony Disley and John Evans; Kevin Maddox and Mike Best. Third, David Newman and John Beard; Graham Jones and Irene Thomas.

Thursday, October 13 – First, Maggie Ashpole and Stuart Davies. Second, Dennis Smith and Wendy Bailey. Third, Martin Brawn and Gareth Jenkins. The winners on handicap were Martin Brawn and Gareth Jenkins.

Friday, October 14 – First, Marjorie Morris and Gareth Jenkins. Second, Dian Jones and Pat Cogbill. Third, John Evans and Jeff Barnett. The winners on handicap were Marjorie Morris and Gareth Jenkins.

Regular club nights take place on Wednesday and Friday evenings at Nolton Church Hall. Play is scheduled to begin at 7pm, so it helps if players arrive at least 10 minutes early.

On Thursday afternoons at 2pm, also at Nolton Church Hall there is a gentle bridge session. Master points are awarded, but it remains a relaxed occasion where players enjoy their bridge.

ABOVE: Centre – Bill Turner, president; left – Marjorie Morris; right – Gareth Jenkins.

VALE POOL LEAGUE HAS ITS FIRST LADY CAPTAIN

VALE of Glamorgan pool league has its first lady captain, Leah May, a very accomplished pool player, who will take the helm at O'Briens pub in Barry town centre for their Thursday night league matches.

Finnegans at Barry Island has probably the biggest squad in the league and will be captained by the ever smiling Ian Doel. The future looks very bright for pool over on the Island with young players Joel Ball and Harry Aspro featuring strongly in the team.

The two big matches to look out for this Thursday are Borough Arms who are home to Cocopops and the Whitchel who are home to Finnegans all games start at 8pm.

This week the league will be affiliated to the Welsh Pool Association, the £165 fees being donated generously last week through a raffle at the King William IV Pub in Cadoxton.

Again Dave Miller and his patrons dug deep to help out. Next week we are hoping to name our new county captain. P

lease note we are still looking for players of all capabilities to join, compete and have fun so contact Joe on 07870 498738 or email *ValeofGlamorganpool league@ gmail.com*.

JB

Lions are looking smart!

Coaches Ashley Gifford and Tom Gingell, junior coaches Rhys Roberts and Jake Fairchild, funeral director Arthur Thompson and the players of Llantwit Lions' under-12 team.

LLANTWIT Lions' under-12 football team have received a new kit from WA Brown & Son, Funeral Directors.

Funeral director Arthur Thompson said that the funeral home was very happy to help the local team for their upcoming season.

HOWLEY NAMES WALES SQUAD

THE 36-man squad for the forthcoming Under Armour series was named by Wales head coach Rob Howley on October 18).

It includes two uncapped players – Sam Davies and Rory Thornton – both from the Ospreys. Squad and positions as follows:

Prop: Scott Andrews (Cardiff Blues); Tomas Francis (Exeter Chiefs); Rhys Gill (Cardiff Blues); Gethin Jenkins (Cardiff Blues); Samson Lee (Scarlets); Nicky Smith (Ospreys).

Hooker: Scott Baldwin (Ospreys); Kristian Dacey (Cardiff Blues); Ken Owens (Scarlets).

Second Row: Jake Ball (Scarlets); Luke Charteris (Bath Rugby); Bradley Davies (Ospreys); Alun Wyn Jones (Ospreys); Rory Thornton (Ospreys).

Back Row: Dan Baker (Ospreys); Taulupe Faletau* (Bath Rugby); James King (Ospreys); Dan Lydiate (Ospreys); Ross Moriarty (Gloucester); Justin Tipuric (Ospreys); Sam Warburton (Capt) (Cardiff Blues).**Scrum Half:** Gareth Davies (Scarlets); Rhys Webb (Ospreys); Lloyd Williams (Cardiff Blues).

Fly Half: Gareth Anscombe (Cardiff Blues); Dan Biggar (Ospreys); Sam Davies (Ospreys).

Centre: Jonathan Davies (Scarlets); Tyler Morgan (Newport Gwent Dragons); Jamie Roberts* (Harlequins); Scott Williams (Scarlets).

Wing/Full Back: Hallam Amos (Newport Gwent Dragons); Alex Cuthbert (Cardiff Blues); Leigh Halfpenny (Toulon); George North* (Northampton Saints); Liam Williams (Scarlets).

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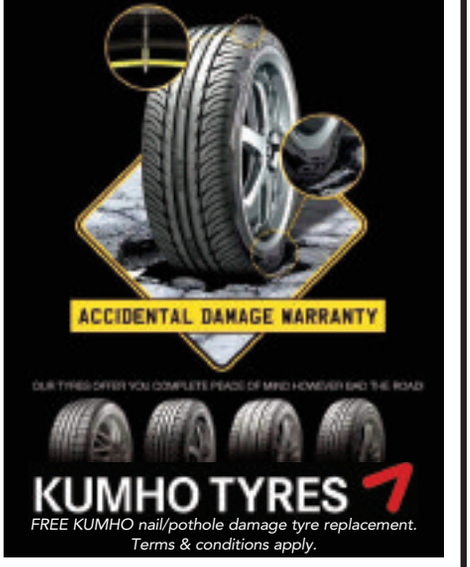

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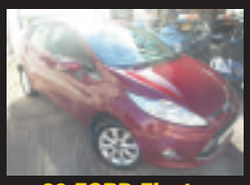

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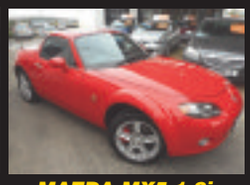

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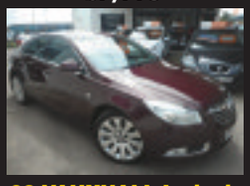

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10 **FORD Fiesta 1.4 Edge Automatic 5-Dr** In mulbury metalic, 41,000 miles **£5,495**

09 **FORD Fiesta 1.4 Titanium 3-Dr Automatic** In hot magenta, 53,000 miles **£5,495**

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60 **SUZUKI Swift 1.2 SZ4 5-Dr** In met-blue, 63,000 miles, high spec, low road tax **£4,995**

60 **PEUGEOT 308 1.6 HDi Sport 5-Dr** In electric blue, 52,000 miles, Diesel hatch....**£4,995**

56 **SUZUKI Grand Vitara 1.6 3-Dr** In black, 69,000 miles, 2 owners 4x4 at **£4,995**

03 **BMW Z4 3.0i 6-Speed** In met grey with black leather, 90,000 miles with sat nav **£4,695**

63 **SUZUKI Alto 1.0 SZ3 5-Dr** In red, 19,000 miles, one owner, free road tax....**£4,495**

09 **FORD Fiesta 1.2 Style+ 5-Dr** In silver, 52,000 miles, low insurance **£4,495**

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Badminton club wins an award

A junior badminton club based in Penarth has been awarded for increasing the opportunity for disabled people to take part in sport.

Penarth and Vale Junior Badminton Club has achieved the Insport Ribbon award, which is a Disability Sport Wales initiative that aims to demonstrate how inclusive community sports clubs are.

The club has shown that it has a good level of understanding of how to include disabled people in their sessions, and have been awarded for this understanding.

This symbolises a great achievement for the club, as it was established in November 2015, and, in the past year, the club has seen its membership rise from 4 to 40.

This 40 now includes a diverse mix of members, with many starting as young as primary school age.

The club's aim is to provide quality badminton sessions delivered by experienced coaches who can improve the skill level of every participant, no matter what their starting ability.

The club was set up in partnership with Angela Stevens, Badminton Wales Development Officer, with a local Sport Wales Community Chest grant being used to help with the initial start-up costs.

Simon Jones, Disability Sport Wales Development Officer, said: "I think it's brilliant that the club is providing excellent inclusive opportunities, and want to include everyone.

"I believe this is one of the major reasons why the membership has grown so much over the past year.

"Everyone involved with the club should be praised for what they have achieved in such a short space of time.

"Their philosophy from the start has been to include everyone, and this has had such a positive effect on new members."

Everyone is welcome to attend the club, who train every Friday night between 7pm-8pm at Penarth Leisure Centre.

The junior section is open to all children aged seven-plus, with the first session being free.

For further information, please contact Ley Woolley on 07515761552 or email at leywoolley@hotmail.com

Oska's winner

***OSKA'S EVA*, a six-year-old grey mare trained by Tim Vaughan at Aberthin, was a 12 lengths winner of the Equestrian Surfaces Handicap Hurdle (Division 1) at Uttoxeter last Thursday.**

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Terry Davies' autobiography is a 'must' for all rugby fans

A must for all rugby fans is Terry Davies - Wales' First Superstar Fullback (published by yLolfa at £9.99).

Written with the aid of Swansea Valley-based journalist Geraint Thomas, this long-awaited autobiography reveals the truth about Terry's life in rugby during the 1950s as well as the loss of his talented brother Len to leukaemia at a young age.

This is story of a typical working-class upbringing and coming of age before finding glory on the rugby pitch- is as much a social commentary as a fascinating insight into the heydays of the amateur game.

The post-war period saw top rugby players in Wales achieve the kind of fame once associated with Hollywood movie stars and few captured the headlines more often than Terry Davies.

The boy from Bynea, who combined the good looks of a young Robert Redford with silky skills and tough as teak tackling, went on to wow crowds across the rugby- playing world through his displays for Wales and the British and Irish Lions.

This book tells of the remarkable life story of the Lions star, encompassing his childhood in Llanelli, learning rugby in Stradey School, making his debut as a schoolboy for Swansea, entering the Royal Marines and winning his first cap before becoming a household name.

From the highs of touring New Zealand and beating the All Blacks in their own backyard to the lows of a career-threatening shoulder injury, his rugby journey, which began as a nervous 17 year old one rainy day in Ebbw Vale and ended with universal acclaim, is real 'Roy of the Rovers' stuff.

I particularly enjoyed the story of the time Wales played England, when after the match a Welsh supporter clambered over the railings and sawed down a piece of the cross bar as a souvenir.

Although he is not mentioned, the culprit was my old point-to-point friend, the late Tenby farmer and champion point-to-point rider Fred Mathias.

Fred was a real character and his grandson John Mathias is one of the leading amateur riders in the country.

Terry also remains one of the few living Welshmen to have won a test match in New Zealand.

Co-writer Geraint Thomas said: "Terry is a natural storyteller. His book is packed with humour. He typifies the Welsh humour once so prevalent amongst the working class.

"His tale is both a social commentary and cultural account of Welsh life pre and post war, as well as a priceless account of a bygone age of rugby union."

In his introduction to the book, Sir Gareth Edwards writes: "As a young inspiring player he left a huge impression on me due to the way he stood out from the rest."

A cracking book and certainly value for money.

BRIAN LEE

BARRY CHESS CLUB WEEKLY ROUNDUP

by PHIL JONES

THIS was a somewhat quieter week for the Barry Chess Club with only two matches played. The results are beginning to show a level of consistency now, particularly with the results from the Bosons and the Quarks.

The Bosons recorded their second consecutive victory having the unusual circumstances of playing four games in four weeks.

We defeated the Penarth Pirates with wins from Matthew Davies, Dave Parsons and Ken Hannah. Steve Cunliffe chipped in with his third draw from four matches to maintain his personal unbeaten start to the season.

This 3.5 - 1.5 win moves the Bosons out of the relegation spots up to the lofty heights of 5th place.

There remain a couple of fixtures to be completed in this round of matches but it seems unlikely we will drop back into the relegation spots next week.

In what seems like a shock to me the Caerphilly Kings destroyed the perennial champions, the Cardiff Castles, and now hold a 4 point advantage at this early part of the season. The Castles could only muster a half a point from this match.

In division 3 the Quarks went down by 3.5 - 1.5 against a strong Bridgend C team. The Quarks managed to earn draws against difficult opponents on the top 3 boards but lost on boards 4 and 5.

So after four matches the consistent Quarks have lost four matches. Three of them by the same score of 3.5 - 1.5, and gaining an extra half point in the other match. The Quarks sit in 8th place and sooner rather than later will need to turn some of these close matches into wins.

In the Alec Wood Trophy we have six representatives in the 'top 40'.

Pride of place goes to Stephen Bonutto in third place with a ratings increase of 79 points from his 23 matches.

Even better is David Jones who sits in 6th place having gained 62 points but from only three matches. Also represented is Nigel Ralphs, John Stephenson, Sam Jukes and Steve Cunliffe.

The Barry Chess Club meets at 7:30 pm each Monday at the West End Club. St. Nicholas Road, Barry CF62 6QY.

The club is open to players of all standards; whether you are interested in playing competitive chess or just the occasional friendly games.

New players are very welcome to just turn up on the night ,but if you contact one of the club members through the website we can explain what is happening on the night you have in mind, and arrange for someone to greet you on your arrival.

For more details visit our website at http://barrychessclub.yolasite.com

Barrivale Bridge Club results

LATEST results from Barrivale Bridge Club for October 11:

1st Mark Roderick & Mike Best 60.42%; 2nd Mick Green & Denis Mottram 59.52%; 3rd Dave Thomas & Tom Kendrick 54.17%. Hilary Laurence and Vivien Liles won on handicap.

New members are always welcome at Barrivale. A partner may be arranged if required.

If you would like to join us ring 01446 418380 or 01446 733425 or 01446 735592 call at the Pioneer Hall, Beryl Road, Barry on Tuesdays at 7pm.

Alternatively players, inexperienced or new, may attend on Fridays at 10am at the same address. **DR**

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The Vale Senior League roundup

VALE United continued their perfect start to the season as they beat Masons Moving Group 5-1.

Vale now have won all seven of their league fixtures, Masons are the mirror opposite having lost all their games but green shoots of recovery were shown here.

St Athan kept in touch with the leaders with their own 5-1 victory over Dinas Powys Athletic, keeping them six points behind the leaders with a game in hand.

Barry Athletic lost their second game in a row as Island Marine defeated them 2-0, an excellent result for Marine who are improving vastly on last season already.

Penarth's good form of four wins on the bounce came to screeching halt as they lost 4-1 to Cowbridge Town who have now notched three in a row in the league to go third, ahead of their opposition on goal difference.

Rhoose finally gained their first league win of the season and did so in style romping to a 6-0 away win against Tynewydd, who are now without a league win since the opening day.

In the first division, controversy marred the much anticipated top of the table clash between Barry Athletic B and FC Pumas, involving a random intruder not connected in any way to either side 'tackling' the referee leading to the match being abandoned.

A shocking happening, and the referee involved is wished well, no place in our sport or our league for such things.

Meanwhile, Barry Belgrade put Sully to the sword 5-1 to move second while SP Billy edged out

Dockers won 4-3 to stay fourth and two points now separate the top four. Cadoxton Barry picked up just their second point of the season with an impressive result against Cogan Coronation.

Glenbrook's poor form continued as they were dismantled 8-1 against Cadoxton Athletic.

In Division Two, the top four all won, the top three all in convincing fashion.

Leaders Cadoxton Imps downed Island Marine B 6-1 to continue their 100 per cent league record.

Barry Saints thumped FC Pumas B 5-0 whole BVFC were victorious over Barry Albion 4-1.

Fourth place Penarth Town B edged out Rhoose B 3-2 to open up an eight point gap between the top four and the rest of the league.

Next week the SWFA Intermediate Cup second round takes centre stage with Vale United, St Athan, Cowbridge, Dinas Powys Athletic, Rhoose and Barry Athletic all representing the league.

In fact Barry Athletic travel to last season's Premier Division champions Cardiff Airport now of the SWFA Alliance League.

A full division one and two fixture list is scheduled too.

Check back here next week for a full round up of all the action.

HYWEL DARK

Latest news from Old Hall Bridge Club

THIS week's results for our club night on Wednesday, October 12 were:

=1st Barbara Easterbrook & Margaret Bancroft 63.10%; =1st Allan Lewis & John Raymond 60.83%; 3rd Pam Higgs & Sylvia Bryant 58.75%.

The club meets on Wednesday evenings at 7pm at Annex 5, Old Hall, Cowbridge. Visitors welcome, any queries please call Helen Barrie on 01446 774148.

James Mangles
Secretary, Old Hall Bridge Club

COWBRIDGE CLEAR UP IN FESTIVAL

A sterling effort from Cowbridge under 11s in last weekend's district festival (See report top right).

Cowbridge under 11s victory in festival

COWBRIDGE under 11s (see pic below left) travelled to Cardiff on October 16, to defend their status as the unbeaten team from last year as under 10s, in the annual Cardiff and Vale district rugby festival, hosted by CRICC.

The squad selected comprised Sam Sheppard, Sam Jackson, Henry Whitehouse, Henry Davies, George Tuckley, Ioan Phillips, Ned Rees, Joe Arentsen, James Collingridge, Osian Bruce, Harry New, James Lord, Joe Davies, Jake Davies, Owen Francis, Paddy Whitestone, Ben Stephenson and Josh Canning.

Against St Peters they drew 1 - 1 with a Jack Davies try. The performance improved against Barry and Llantwit Major, each finishing 6-0 to Cowbridge. Against Barry, tries came from New, Whitestone, Canning and a hat-trick for Bruce. Against Llantwit Major, tries went to Jackson, Bruce, New, Joe Davies, Collingridge and Francis.

Cowbridge played against the teams topping the other pools.

Against Llandaff two tries either side of half time sealed victory for Cowbridge 4-0. The try scorers were Francis, New, Lord and Jake Davies.

Against Llanishen, Francis went over in the corner to seal a 1 - 0 win. It saw them remain unbeaten in the district festival, also becoming the team of the festival.

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COWBRIDGE DARTS LEAGUE ROUNDUP

by PAUL TASKER

ON Tuesday, October 11 a full programme of league matches in the Cowbridge Darts League was completed.

The match of the evening was at the Six Bells Inn where the home team beat the league leaders, the Edmondes B, 6-3.

It was a game full of high three-dart-outs: James Walters (Six Bells Inn) 95, Dai Thomas (Edmondes B) 90, Tony Gratton (Six Bells Inn) 86 and Phil Rogal (Six Bells Inn) 73.

At the Farmer's Arms the Hairy Farmers beat The Red Lion 7-2. This game also saw some high three-dart-outs: Hilarie Coles (Red Lion) 96 and John Izzard (Hairy Farmers) 94.

It was a good night for teams from the Farmer's Arms with the Farmer's Arms defeating the Edmondes C 5-4.

Llanharry beat the Edmondes A 6-3, helped on their way with Michael Newble (Llanharry) hitting a 180. Luke Woolf from the Highwayman Inn hit a 105 three-darter, so becoming the fourth player to join the 'over 100' club, in their 6-3 victory over the Victoria Inn.

Present league standings, after five weeks, are: Edmondes B (32 points), Six Bells Inn (30), Edmondes A (27), Highwayman Inn (26), Edmondes C and Farmer's Arms (23), Hairy Farmers (22), Llanharry (21), Victoria Inn (17) and Red Lion (4).

Next week, Tuesday October 25, another full programme of league matches will be played. The Edmondes B hosts the Hairy Farmers, the Farmer's Arms hosts the Victoria Inn, the Red Lion Inn hosts Llanharry, the Six Bells Inn hosts the Edmondes C and the Highwayman Inn hosts the Edmondes A.

All matches start at 8.15pm and spectators are always welcome.

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First victory for Cowbridge

COWBRIDGE travelled to Roath Park to play Cardiff Saracens and started well, putting a lot of pressure on the home side who conceded a string of penalties but Cowbridge came away empty handed.

It was 15 minutes in before the home side applied their own pressure, with a penalty seeing Cowbridge defending their line. A solid scrum won a penalty for Cowbridge, enabling them to clear their lines and this was repeated five minutes later when another Cowbridge infringement saw the home side again kick to the corner.

A well defended line out led to a scrum and the Sarries were pushed off their own ball by an increasingly dominant Cowbridge scrum, allowing outside half Alex Guard to clear their lines.

Cowbridge's confidence grew, but poor handling in the wet conditions brought many attacks to nothing.

The first score however was a well worked try with fullback Rian Thomas gathering a loose kick and making good ground, before Will Williams took it on and fed wing Freddie Harries, who scored in the corner on 30 minutes. Cowbridge should have scored again from a quickly-taken penalty and Frazer McGhan also went close just before half time.

Cowbridge started the 2nd half in attacking mood and replacement hooker Luke Adams crossed the line early on from close range, but unfortunately left the ball behind.

Cowbridge kept the pressure on and from a solid scrum Dai Breed (rolling back the years) broke well and fed fellow back row Joe Davies who took it on before sending Rhod Walker over for a well worked try on 43 minutes.

Guard's conversion was adjudged to have missed by the referee against the judgement of Cowbridge's experienced linesman Rob Price.

The home team rallied well, but Cowbridge continued to press and repeated infringements saw the home no. 7 yellow-carded. Cowbridge, growing in confidence, refused the very kickable three points and opted for an attacking line out which they couldn't control.

Good play followed by the Sarries and soon saw them pressing the Cowbridge line and despite some solid defence young scrum half Hywel Williams was yellow-carded.

Continued pressure saw Sarries awarded a penalty in front of the posts on 55 minutes to make it 3-10.

Cowbridge, however, were immediately on the attack and won a penalty shortly after which was well taken by Guard for a 13-3 lead. Cowbridge continued on the offensive against a well organised home side and good use of the bench ensured that the pressure was maintained, with the likes of Geraint Thomas making an immediate impact.

After a long period away with injuries it was good to see the exuberant Jon Phillips entering the fray, replacing the impressive Sam Richards. Cowbridge finished the game with a determined defensive effort, keeping the home side at bay. After five minutes of fruitless attacking the Sarries opted for a penalty to gain a losing bonus point but despite the home linesman calling it over, the referee sided with honest Rob Price who called a miss, for the game to finish at 13-3 to Cowbridge.

This was a solid performance from a young Cowbridge side gaining their first win of the season, with a couple of senior players soon to return this should be a good platform to build upon.

This Saturday, the Firsts are at home against Tylorstown, a great opportunity to start climbing up the table.

Come along and support the boys.

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Cowbridge lose momentum against plucky Bridgend

COWBRIDGE started the better of the two sides in this enthralling match, which saw Bridgend Town come away victorious putting an end to their three-match-losing streak.

However it was Bridgend who got off to the worst possible start, conceding less than 10 seconds after kick off after a magnificent effort beat Josh Russell in the Town goal from around 30 yards out.

Bridgend were quick to react however and it was Iestyn Lewis who equalised for the away side soon after the opener, another great long-range effort.

However just minutes later it was Lewis involved again, this time for the worse coming together with a Cowbridge man, which, according to the referee, warranted a straight red card for both sides' players.

Liam Joseph struck his first of three just before the break but it was cancelled out after a Cowbridge free kick ended up in the Town net which saw both sides go in level.

Bridgend defended resolutely in the second half and took their chances well seeing Aryan Jandaghi and Tinotenda Chiminhi get on the score-sheet.

Enyo Catangui and Will Prosser also had excellent games in midfield for The Fish.

This result sees Bridgend climb up the table in their first win of the season, as for Cowbridge, it's their third loss of the campaign.

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